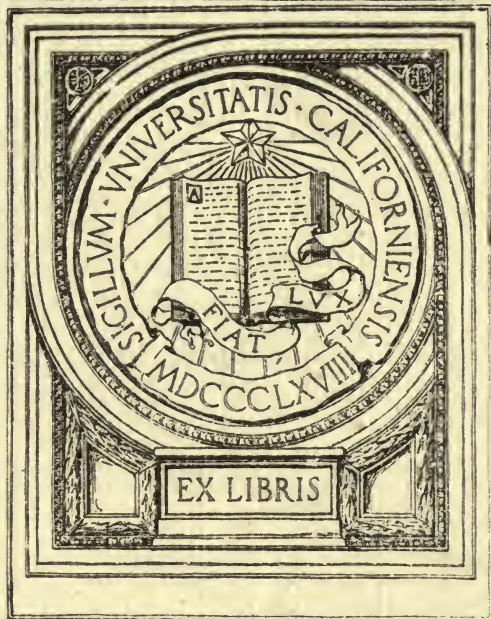


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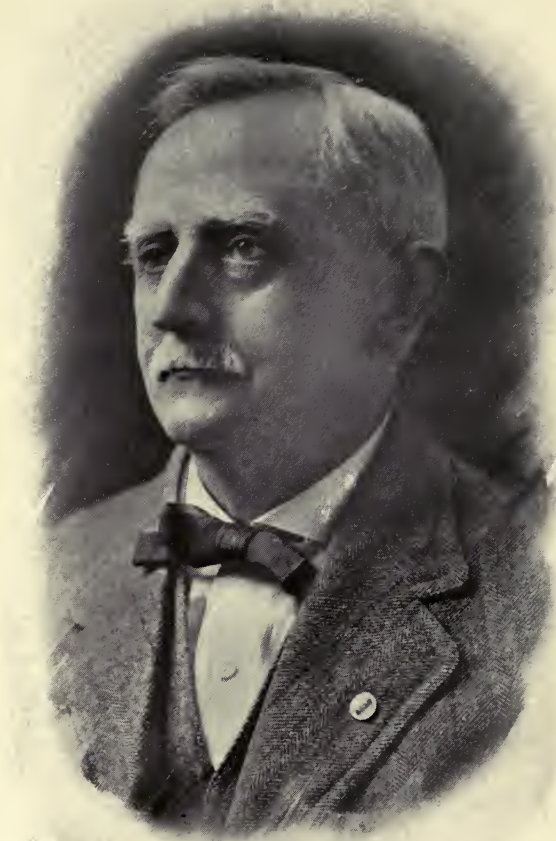


DEDICATION.

*To the men and women of the Texas Press Association who have been ever kind to me, honoring me far beyond my merits and deserts, this work, which has been a labor of love, is respectfully dedicated.*

F. B. BAILLIO.





*F. D. Baillie*



## Ferdinand B. Baillio

(Biographical)

“Were a star quenched on high,  
For ages would its light  
Still travelling downward from the sky  
Shine on our mortal sight.  
So, when a good man dies,  
For years, beyond our ken,  
The light he leaves behind him lies  
Upon the paths of men.”

NO sage nor seer can approximate the good that flows on and on from the life of a good man—from any life whose guiding principle was love and sympathy and service for one's fellow-men. There are so many gems of rarest quality in the noble character of Colonel Baillio that because of inability to bring them all in review we are tempted to cry out in our poor effort to show the man as he was. How shall we pick out even the most conspicuous of those things throughout all the years wherein he touched elbows with his fellows, those words and deeds innumerable, that made his life “rich in good words” and blessed and cheered and comforted so many? How shall we select from the garnered treasure-house of his 67 years of upright living even only the rarest jewels with which to fashion a diadem in honor of a life so noble? How shall we weave together even but a few of the sweetest and tenderest of the flowers given by his fellows, and particularly his brethren of the press, in recognition of truest worth? Can we, even within the limits of more generous space, and from the riches of a great character on the one hand and the flowers of a large appreciation on the other, portray his full worth or symbolize that which made his life so loved and lovable, his death so mourned, his memory so venerated?



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"A great man is dead; a good man has been gathered to his fathers. The news of his death brought gloom into the heart of every newspaper man in Texas: for Colonel Baillio occupied a portion in the breast of every one of them peculiarly his own. \* \* \* Always cheerful and an optimist in this life, he advocated, he preached, he practiced it along life's way. His interest in discouraged humanity was one of his greatest characteristics. In fact we have heard him say that his religion was to love his friends wholeheartedly and to comfort the unfortunate who had been tossed upon the waves of despair and discouragement."—Killeen Herald. "Ability, training and equipment, backed by devoted loyalty to the best interests of the people of Texas, made Colonel Baillio's career count for much. Yet he modestly claimed nothing for himself—this chivalrous, courteous, kindly gentleman, the Nestor of the Texas Press."—Dallas Evening Journal. "It was because he was a newspaper man of ability, of training, of sincerity of purpose, and of loyalty to his convictions that Colonel Baillio will be respected and venerated, but it was because of his kindness, his courtesy, and all the inestimable qualities that go to make a true gentleman that he will be mourned. Many men achieve great works; few leave so much love in the world."—State Press in Dallas News. "Colonel Baillio was a pleasure to know. He was genial, whole-souled, a man of much information."—Greenville Banner. "Early in its beginning and to its very close his life was one of service, and through all the years he measured up to the highest standards. He was a most lovable character, a man whose friendship was treasured by all who knew him."—Rusk County News.

"No man was more loved than he, for he constantly sought to do those things that were helpful and promoted good will and friendliness. His convictions were always pronounced, founded upon well defined arguments. His mind was a veritable storehouse of useful information. He stood for what he believed to be good and beautiful and true and bravely defended what he believed to be right. \* \* \* His friends are in the craft in prac-



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tically every state in the Union.”—Cleburne Enterprise. “Colonel Baillio was a progressive citizen and believed in pushing his town, county and State to the front, using his best efforts in his paper and in a private way to get results. He contributed what he could to public betterments and charitable objects. He was a was of tender heart, \* \* \* Idleness as a trait never appealed to him. \* \* \* The home with him was a haven of rest. He never suffered the jangles of the world to disturb the harmony of his home life.”—Johnson County Review.

Ferdinand B. Baillio was born at the village of Cocoville, Avoyelles Parish, La., February 6, 1848. His father, Judge Gervais Baillio, a descendent of one of the original French settlers of Louisiana, was a prominent and leading citizen of the Parish of Rapides, and for eleven years Parish Judge of Avoyelles Parish. His mother, whose maiden name was Rebecca Leonard, was of Massachusetts parentage—old Pilgrim stock.

In 1864 when young Baillio was but 16, he enlisted in the army of the Southern Confederacy, being assigned to Capt. Joseph A. Benjamin's company of cavalry and detailed as escort to Maj. Gen. S. B. Buckner. In December 1867 he left Louisiana for Texas, arriving on the 22nd of the month at Alvarado, Johnson county.

On Feb. 3, 1870 he was married to Miss Mattie M. Criner, daughter of Granville Criner, one of the first settlers of Johnson County. To this union four children were born, the last, a son, dying in infancy. His three daughters, Miss Sallie and Mesdames Early Baird and M. L. Bounds, all reside in Cleburne. His wife died on Aug. 30, 1914.

“Like many of the prominent men of this country,” says the Johnson County Review, “he started out as a tiller of the soil and worked himself up to be one of the best known editors and newspaper writers in the country.” From a history of pioneer families in Johnson county we quote the following paragraph respecting Col. Baillio to show the handicaps he overcame and how, through years of hard labor at varied occupations and close



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hard study, he qualified himself peculiarly well for his chosen calling as an editor.

"Leaving his parents when only nineteen years old, an inexperienced boy with scarcely any education—certainly not more than is possessed now-a-days by twelve-year-old boys,—Mr. Baillio's life has been a checkered one. He worked at anything he could find—has been a farm hand, a cotton gin hand, a school teacher, a farmer, a commercial tourist, a merchant, a wagoner, a cowboy, a farmer again, and lastly an editor. Feeling early the need of an education he began just after his marriage to obtain what the war had prevented him from attaining in common with so many other Southern boys. He worked hard by day and lay awake at night studying. Many and many a night, stimulated and encouraged by his noble wife, he studied after a hard day's plowing until midnight. During 1885-87 he plowed and hoed and paragraphed for the Alvarado Bulletin, then owned by G. C. Fahm, and received many handsome compliments for the work he did on that paper."

From "plowing and hoeing and paragraphing" as observed by the local historian quoted, Colonel Baillio's transition into a full-fledged editor was easy: for in 1889 he bought a half interest in the Alvarado Bulletin. His versatility as a writer and the lucidity with which he expressed himself at once gave this paper a standing and importance in the class of smaller journals of the State rarely if ever attained by any other of the country weeklies of the commonwealth.

On Feb. 16, 1892, Colonel Baillio purchased a half interest in the Johnson County Review. "While editing this paper he attracted considerable statewide attention by his strong, able editorials and during the days of populist predominance he fought the battles of the democratic party vigorously and fearlessly." "His political editorials were copied all over the State, and, after he became acquainted with members of the National Editorial Association, his editorials were copied in papers in many states."

Colonel Baillio's cultured mind, his fine sense of propriety,



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his tact and discretion and his unselfishness, coupled with a kind of soul-warmth which flowed out from a natural politeness characteristic of the cultured French from which he was descended, all gave him what some call a "natural bent for leadership." Evidencing his natural qualities of leadership we learn from his neighbors that he served as Worshipful Master of the Blue Lodge and High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, Noble Grand I. O. O. F., Chancellor Commander of K. P., and that he served twice on the State Democratic Executive Committee. From private memoirs of his life prepared by him for his children, wherein he mentions the various preferments bestowed upon him, we find this statement evidencing both his modesty and his gratitude: "I can say with truth that not one of these honors was ever sought, but came to me through the partiality of my friends."

In recognition no less of his editorial attainments and powers than of these fine qualities he was elected to the Presidency of the Texas Press Association in 1896. Later, in 1901, he was honored with the Presidency of the National Editorial Association which that year held its Annual Convention at the Exposition in Buffalo, N. Y.

His fidelity and services to the Texas Press Association can best be ascertained by a review of the proceedings of the Association as published in this volume. A small measure of the love and esteem in which he was held by the membership may be ascertained from several resolutions passed by the Association at its Thirty-Fifth and at its Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention, these resolutions appearing in the Thirty-Fifth and Thirty-Sixth Divisions of Part Two of this volume.

Disposing of his newspaper, Colonel Baillio spent the latter years of his life travelling as a representative of the Barnhart Type Founders Co., and of the Western Newspaper Union; but his interest in the craft and in the elevation of journalism never waned—rather we say it increased and his opportunities for service enlarged.



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At his home in Cleburne at 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning, Aug. 25, 1915, his great heart stopped and his soul went out to meet his God—to meet the Just Judge concerning his trust in Whom Colonel Baillio left a testimony that he had no fears. His death terminated an illness of several months and lacked but five days of being one year after the death of his wife for whose departure his grief, though not often expressed to his friends, was poignant and unassuaged. "The funeral service was beautiful and impressive, comforting in its eloquence and simplicity. The floral offerings were exquisite and profuse, showing the high respect in which deceased and his splendid family are held. Surrounded by those who loved and revered him, the mortal remains of this splendid and efficient citizen were laid to rest in the silent God's Acre on the hill at Grandview. At the graveside there to pay the last sad rites, were his loved ones, many sorrowing friends and members of the journalistic fraternity to whom his name meant so much."

No better insight to the character of the man, no finer tribute to his memory, can be given than the following little verse, which he termed his "Daily Prayer," reproduced from a card which he handed out to those he met in a business and social capacity:

May I be brave today,  
And may I be kind and true,  
And greet all men in a gracious way  
And put good cheer in the things I say;  
And love in the deeds I do.  
May the honest heart of a child be mine,  
And the grace of a rose in bloom.  
May I fill the day with hope divine,  
And turn my eyes to the sky's glad shine  
With never a cloud of gloom.  
With the golden levers of love and light,  
Through a path by kindly deeds made bright,  
When I come to the hush of the starless night,  
May I rest in peace. —H. E.



## Editor's Preface

THE genesis, we say not origin or beginning, of this volume is set forth in a parenthetical insertion in the proceedings of the 35th Annual Convention of the Association, in Part Two. A proper perspective of the movement for the publication is there set forth in its logically historical place and is not produced here because of length. The report of the Historian was made at that convention and his manuscript accepted. It will be noted in his report that he planned to include in the history a short biographical notice of each member of the Association and that his report mentions that but a small per cent of the members had sent to him any data concerning themselves upon which to base such notice. For the reasons of which the Author complained, the Editor found it impossible to prepare the current biographical section as the Author originally planned it. Persistent efforts were not made to consummate this because the Committee having in charge the publishing of the volume foresaw that, should such be included, there would be more matter than could be well put into a book of this size. The great problem has been, both with the Editor and the Committee on Publication, to keep the work within reasonable bounds.

As one reads chapter after chapter of each of the three parts of the volume, he must be impressed with a sense of gratitude to the Author; nor can he escape a sense of pride in his membership in an organization so intimately identified with the glorious history of our Commonwealth, an organization that has stood for so much and whose members have labored so patiently for the uplift of a people. It is thrilling to read of battles the Association has waged for the enactment of certain legislation and the repeal of certain unjust laws. The very warp and woof of the State's earlier history are bound up in Part Three; and



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as one reads it he must be thankful that rank and rabid political partisanship in our journalism has passed forever.

To the close student, that which stands out boldly from almost every page is not a mere fact of history, or some one's passing fancy, or merely the recital of a list of names or committees, dull necessarily as such items are when we are not connected with them in a personal way; but that which stands out and grips you, charms you—even inspires you—is THE SPIRIT OF THE ASSOCIATION. That spirit is indefinable, but it is tangible and real, for it gets hold of you. No newspaper man, whether he be a member of the Association or not, can read the volume and not become a better journalist and a better man.

Much of the text is quoted direct from the sources investigated. This gives rise in many places to what may be termed a departure from logical sequences, historically speaking. It naturally, because of these quotations, assumes a wide latitude in variety of style and peculiarity of punctuation. But no editor would dare try to reduce a text to a system of uniformity and continuity of style, nor adhere to his own particular rules of punctuation and paragraphing when he is dealing with subject matter taken unchanged direct from its original sources.

HENRY EDWARDS.

Troup, Texas, Feb. 18, 1916.



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*Life Members of the Texas Press Association.*



## Introduction

WHEN I undertook the task of writing a history of the Texas Press Association I little realized the vast amount of hard work it would impose. If I had, the probabilities are that I would have hesitated long before beginning. I had never—nor have I to this good hour—seen a history of a press association. I had no “blazed trail” to follow, and little or no idea how to proceed. I made several attempts, only to destroy the work done and begin again. It may be the plan finally adopted was not the best. I confess that I am not overly well pleased with what I have done, and am a bit nervous over the reception that may be given it by critical friends.

Because of my occupation as a traveling man, I have had to write what has been written in a desultory way and in the intervals between my trips on the road. I have had no help from any source whatsoever. I wrote many letters to different newspaper men asking for information which I am sure they could have given, with but little or no effort, of the early days of the press in Texas. To this good day I have received not a line in answer. Shall I charge this failure on their part to modesty, indifference, or just to laziness?

My work lies before you. I submit it to you with trepidation. I have done my best; and I hope it may meet at least partial favor among those for whom it has been written. It has been, on my part, a labor of love; and that without the hope or expectation of fee or reward. The Texas Press Association has been ever kind to me—far kinder than I feel I deserved; every honor in its gift it has conferred upon me; and if I can repay, only in part, the debt of gratitude I owe it, I will be happy and will feel amply repaid for the work I have done. I realize that the work is by no means perfect, and that many things might have been incorporated that have been overlooked. Still, it has



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been done in the best way I knew how, and may serve as a basis for a better and fuller history in the future.

To write a history of the Texas Press Association is by no means to write a history of the Texas press, howsoever interesting that might prove; but that is beyond the scope and plan of this undertaking. The field is an inviting one but is a story apart from the one in contemplation and would, were it ventured into, make beyond all proper bounds a work that already promises to be sufficiently bulky. However it has been thought worth while to reproduce, and add as a section of this book, an essay prepared and read by the late Judge A. B. Norton before the Association in 1886, giving the history of the early newspapers of Texas; to show the vast improvement in printing machinery and the equipment of printing offices; and to review the growth and development of the printing industry in Texas.

In writing a history of the Association, it was finally decided, after several plans had been attempted only to be abandoned, to give, year by year, and as succinctly as possible, the annual proceedings which show what the Association had in contemplation, what it attempted, what it accomplished, and show its evolution, from an organization devoted largely to pleasure to one where, by happy interchanges of ideas, the publisher both teaches and is taught. This will best be seen and understood by reading the condensed proceedings of the various annual conventions, which are also made a part of this work.

Up to and including the annual convention held in Corsicana in 1891, the membership was given not only free transportation over the different railroads, but free hotel bills and, indeed, free entertainment generally, and the time of the conventions was taken up, largely, with the details of excursions and other distractions. At the Dallas Convention (1883), resolutions looking to the abolishment of the feature of free entertainment, such as free hotel bills, were offered by J. F. Mitchell of the Greenville Banner; but the adoption of the resolution was declared unnecessary at that time. However, the seed had been sown, and the idea



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was finally to prevail. At the Corsicana convention, (1891), a resolution was offered proposing to put an end to free entertainment, which was considered as not conducive to the good of the Association, as tending to lower the dignity of the profession, and disposed to make the entertainment of the Association a burden upon the cities of which it might become the guest. The proposition again met defeat but was considered of such merit that it was put in effect at all subsequent meetings; and from then on, and until the anti-pass law went into effect, the members paid their way, except as to railroad fares, at all annual conventions. This policy had the effect of lessening for a few years the number of applications for membership; but time and experience have justified the wisdom of the "pay-as-you-go" policy, and the Association is now stronger in every way than ever before, is growing at a most satisfactory rate, and is attracting to its membership the best in Texas newspaperdom—men who are identified with it and attend its conventions because of the benefits to be derived from them.

At the Fort Worth convention in 1894, the discussion of the details of excursions, during the business sessions of the Association, was forbidden by resolution; and it was further decided that no excursion would be taken for the two years following. From then on the work of the conventions became more practical, until now they have become essentially schools of journalism in the business, mechanical, and editorial departments of newspaper making. There is not today a more business-like press organization; and it may well be claimed that in that respect, if in no other, it is without a peer in all our land.

From its organization, the Association has aligned itself on the side of morality, sobriety, education, and of all that makes for the uplift of mankind and the development of the resources of the State. One of its first acts was to deny membership to an applicant guilty of excessive indulgence in intoxicants; it expelled members for that sin against morality and good conduct, for violation of contracts, and because of "conduct unbecom-



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a gentleman." Banquets "for men only," where wine was served and excesses were unfortunately sometimes indulged in, have been abandoned; and the restraining presence of the ladies is and has been for years invited, until press banquets have become decorous beyond cavil or criticism.

One of the first addresses made before the Association (by Professor T. J. Girardeau of the Houston Post, and there has been no abler), was in advocacy of education. The Association has ever championed the interests of the common schools and higher institutions of learning, as well as of all things that make for the betterment of the moral, social and material condition of the people; and while it has given encouragement and support to everything that makes for good, it has not hesitated to frown upon and condemn, and that in no uncertain manner, those things which it considered inimical to the common good.

It has eliminated personal journalism, that bane of newspaperdom, and has engendered a splendid spirit of tolerance and fraternity, and a just pride in the profession of journalism, which has lifted the Texas publisher above the petty practices which are wont to bring ridicule upon the "country editor." It has made him to see and consider that his calling is one to be proud of, that there is none more honorable or responsible, and that his business is one to be conducted upon a high and dignified plane and upon strict business principles.

Political and religious discussions are not tolerated in the Association, and the applicant for membership is not questioned as to his political or religious opinions and predilections. It is an organization of newspaper men for newspaper men, and that without regard to party or creed. It is a republic of letters where brains is the currency and good conduct the passport. Several attempts have been made, at different times, to lead the Association into the mire of politics, or to commit it to the endorsement of some fad, but these attempts have always failed and the organization remains one where men of diverse and opposing



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opinions may meet on common ground and in a spirit of fraternity.

There is no shriveled localism in the Association. Its interests and sympathies are as broad as the domain of Texas. It has inculcated and cultivated State pride, and has done much, by meeting in different sections of the State, to banish sectionalism and narrow provincialism, and to make its members acquainted with the varied resources, interests and industries of Texas. Several attempts have been made, in response to flattering invitations and alluring offers, to adopt some place as a permanent home, but these have not succeeded, since that would, by localizing the organization, deprive it of its chief virtue and attraction, its statewide character, and make of it a mere local institution, which would soon result in its disintegration. That the Association has been of distinct benefit, not alone to its members, but to the State, is so apparent that it can not be gainsaid; and there is little or no probability that its object and intention will be defeated by adopting for it a permanent home, howsoever palatial and alluring that home might be made.



## Chapter I—First Organizations

SEVERAL attempts, it appears, were made to organize a State press association in Texas before the present splendid organization was effected in the city of Houston, in 1880. What is thought to have been the very first effort was a call in "The Star-State Patriot," of Marshall, in its issue of June 9, 1853, for a meeting of newspaper men to be held in the city for the purpose of organizing a State Press Association. Whether the meeting was ever held, and if because of it an association was organized, the writer has not been able to discover. The query, in 1853, as to whether Whigs and Democrats could associate in a press convention in harmony and in a spirit of brotherly love sounds a bit queer these days in the light of the splendid spirit of fraternity and tolerance which actuates the members of the Texas Press Association and pervades every assembly of "the gang," where no questions are asked as to a man's religious, political, or other opinions and views.

In the Press Bulletin, edited and published in Temple by Mrs. William Davis Cox, is found in its issue of March, 1898, the following clipping from the Wallisville Age:

"In January, I wrote to Editor T. J. Chambers of the Liberty Vindicator, who was secretary of the Texas Editorial Association and had the distinction of being, in 1869, the youngest editor and proprietor of a newspaper in Texas, asking him to contribute all the information he could in regard to that body. Having lost by fire all his files of that date, he very kindly addressed a letter to Colonel Dan L. McGary to whom I had also written, and for reply sends me the following clippings from Colonel McGary's paper which explain themselves:

"We remember the Association excellently well. It met twice and was twice banqueted, once by the Direct Navigation Company and once by Scherffius and Brenard, and the banquets



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were all that the word implies. They were gay and festive. The members whose names we can recall were General William G. Webb of the Houston Telegraph, Summers Kinney and E. P. Claudon of the Houston Times, John G. Rankin of the Hempstead Reporter, William and Thomas Cain of the Bastrop Advertiser, Ed. I. Kellie of the Jasper News Boy, Joseph Lancaster of the Navasota Ranger, and the writer, who was then of the Southern Banner of Brenham. Major Cave was the leading spirit in the Direct Navigation Company banquet and John Brashear, father of Judge Sam Houston Brashear, was a leading spirit and a choice spirit in any circle in which he moved. He now, alas, is dead; and so are Summers Kinney, Henry Scherffius, and Parson Lancaster. Major Cave is treasurer of the Houston and Texas Central Railway, E. P. Claudon lives in San Antonio, John Rankin owns the Brenham Banner, Ed Kellie is assisting the people of Jasper county to build a railroad with their own resources, Tom Cain owns the Bastrop Advertiser, and General Webb, at last account we had of him, was practicing law in La Grange. In giving names of those who attended the meeting of the Texas Editorial Association in 1869, by a mere slip, we omitted T. Jeff Chambers then of the Liberty Gazette, and now of the Liberty Vindicator. Brother Chambers was one of the choice spirits of those meetings. We also omitted Dick Vanhorn of the Corsicana Observer, another of the leading minds. He is long since dead, and is in heaven, we trust."

In 1873, "The First Texas Editorial and Press Association" was organized in the city of Sherman. It held annual convention in Sherman in 1873, in Dallas in 1874, and in Houston in 1875. At the Houston convention, Jefferson was elected as the next place of meeting, and the second Tuesday in April, 1876, was designated as the time. I am informed by Colonel B. C. Murray, late of the Denison Gazetteer, that the convention was held in Jefferson in 1876, but it does not appear that the minutes of that convention were ever printed. It was discontinued after the Jefferson meeting. The cause of the demise of this association,



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which was composed of the best material in the State, is not known; but it may well have been because of the great distances separating the members in those days of poor transportation facilities. The first excursion of Texas editors beyond the confines of the State was by the members of this association to Northern cities. At the Houston convention, 1875, the association, headed by Captain B. B. Paddock of Fort Worth, president of the association, called on Hon. Jefferson Davis, president of the late Southern Confederacy, who happened at that time to be in the city and paid their respects to the guest of honor.

The matter of print paper engaged the attention of the association and it "learned with satisfaction that a paper mill is soon to be established in Dallas." Also, the matter of telegraphic news reports furnished the papers of Texas was a subject of discussion and the character and quality of matter furnished was animadverted upon, the "New York Associated Press" being charged with manipulating the news in the interest of political parties.

The following were enrolled at the Sherman (1873) meeting:

Fred W. Miner, Paris Chartist; W. H. Lewis, printer, Paris; Charles DeMorse, Clarksville Standard; B. C. Murray, Denison News; A. L. Darnell, Sherman Patriot; — Thompson, Sherman Democrat; A. B. Norton, Dallas Intelligencer; John B. Dale, Waxahachie Democrat; J. M. Thurmond, Corsicana Progressive; Tom Ed Bomar, Decatur Advance Guard; J. B. Choice, Gainesville Gazette; John H. Bingham, McKinney Enquirer; C. C. Vogel, Houston Deutsche Zeitung; J. S. Seward, cor. Hempstead Messenger; J. D. McCamant, cor. and agent Greenville Herald; Charles Mitchell, printer, Paris; W. J. Swain, Clarksville Times; Geo. A. Cutler, Denison Journal; T. W. Ham, Denison New South; Thomas J. Crooks, Sherman Democrat; — Brown, Sherman Democrat; J. Dar, Jr., Sherman Democrat; Stanley Welch, Austin State Journal; E. R. Trask, Texas Democrat; M. B. V. Bennett, Texas Democrat; A. E. Dodson, Gainesville Gazette; S. A. Posey, Austin Commonwealth; C. E. Van Horn, Corsicana Observer; J. M. Morphis, gen. cor. Austin; W. N. Bryant, cor. Waco Register and proprietor S. W. R. R. Guide.

Charles DeMorse of the Clarksville Standard was elected president; Dr. George A. Cutler, Fred W. Miner, Stanley Welch, A. Whidden, A. B. Norton and C. G. Vogel were elected vice presidents; W. J. Swain, secretary; B. C. Murray, S. A. Posey, W. H. Lewis, J. W. Swindell, W. G. Webb and R. S. Fulton, corresponding secretaries.



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This association was chartered under the laws of the State of Texas as the "Texas Editorial and Press Association;" and among the names mentioned in the charter we find the names of Charles DeMorse, B. B. Paddock, G. J. Clark, J. K. Millican, T. P. Yarbrough, John D. Elliott, G. B. Gerald, John H. Bingham, C. G. Vogel, T. P. Hawley, A. B. Norton, T. J. Crooks, W. Y. Leader, George A. Cutler, J. G. Martin, B. C. Murray, C. R. Gibson, W. W. Spivey, A. L. Darnell, A. C. Gray, and Sam W. Small. The charter was duly signed and executed and was filed in the department of State at Austin on April 5th, 1875. The association was empowered by the charter to "buy, hold and sell property, real, personal or mixed, as they may deem proper and expedient for the best interest of the association, to grant and receive, to sue and be sued, to maintain and defend judicial proceedings, to plead and be impleaded, to contract and be contracted with, etc." The term of the existence of the charter was for the period of ninety-nine years from the date of filing.

Then on the nineteenth day of May, in the good year 1880, a meeting of the newspaper men was held in the city of Houston and the present Texas Press Association was organized, with J. W. Fishburn of the Mexia Ledger as its first president.



## Chapter II—Legal Printing

**L**EGAL PRINTING has been a subject of discussion in the Association at every annual convention until this good hour. Still the agitation has accomplished little or nothing and the unfortunate debtor continues to see his property sold at a sacrifice at forced sale and without advertising other than on bulletin boards, trees, and out of the way places which few see or read—a custom which has survived the days when newspapers were few and far between and the school-master had not as yet ventured very far afield.

That the agitation on the part of the publishers, asking for the publication of legal notices, has not been altogether selfish, is made manifest by an examination of the language of the resolutions offered and adopted at each recurring annual convention. That the refusal to amend the law so as to require the publication of such notices is prompted largely by that spirit which demands the pound of flesh on the part of the lawyer legislators with clients who have debts to collect, and others on the lookout for “snaps” at public sales, is believed by many; and that belief is not confined exclusively to the men in the newspaper business.

A prime cause of the deaf ear turned to the insistent prayers of the publishers for a modification of the law which bears so heavily upon the unfortunate debtor class may perhaps be laid in part at the door of publishers who have not always been careful in the selection of their candidates in elections, but have rather given their support and helped to elect to office men whose disposition toward the press was either unfriendly or unknown, and simply because of their political affiliations. But the day of the political organ is rapidly passing; the press is beginning to show more and more a manly independence that augurs better for the future, and the newspaper people are seemingly taking more to heart the admonition that he who fails to provide for



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his own household is worse than an infidel. Texas has been overwhelmingly one-sided politically for so many years that the politicians have—and justly, too, because of the self-sacrificing spirit of the newspaper folks—felt independent of the press, and have not been slow to make an exhibition of it, even to the extent of vituperation and slander; even to the extent of refusing, or worse yet, ignoring the just requests of the publishers. Still, the newspaper people, long suffering and full of more than Christian charity, have continued to assist in the election of men only to find, when too late, they had helped to place of power those who were enemies to their calling. Some day—and let us hope that day is not remote—the men of the press will awake to a full realization of their power and influence, and then their petitions will not be pigeonholed or kicked out of the back door.

Comparisons are said to be odious, but a comparison of the treatment of the public press where the political parties are about evenly divided, with the treatment accorded it where a party has a safe and certain majority, might be prolific of much good. The remedy is for the publisher to ascertain whether the men for whom he “whoops ’em up” is a friend to the press, or whether he is going to give it “the double cross” and pelt it with rotten eggs after he gets the desire of his soul. Men in other lines of business seek to conserve their interests by striving to elect to office men who are friendly, and by every rule of right, of sound judgment and of self-interest, the publishers should do the same.

The press is the greatest power in the land; and if the publishers will but agree on a thing, and act in concert, they can accomplish anything they undertake. Let the publisher uphold the dignity of the profession, be servant to no man, know his right and knowing, contend for it, and work for his own interests as he has in the past for his party and political friends, and he will not be made ashamed, nor will his just demands be refused. Why should the fetich of party make a newspaper man unmindful of his own interests, and why should a newspaper man im-



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molate himself and his family on any man's political or personal altar?

At the thirty-fourth annual convention, held in San Antonio, in 1913, the committee on legislation made a report on the subject of legal printing which is full of very valuable information along that line. This report is reproduced in large part in the summary of that year's convention elsewhere in this volume.

The newspaper man should never lose sight of the fact that his is a business to be conducted, as every business should be, for profit; that his space is his stock in trade, and that the best authorities agree that every inch of type that goes into a paper is set at a cost of about ten cents. To take matter for less than the cost of production is to conduct a losing business, and so the man or men who are to be benefited, personally or politically, by the matter set, should be expected to pay for it; and the man who expects such service for nothing is on a par with the man who would expect the merchant to give him a suit of clothes because, forsooth, he was a member of the same political party.

More and more the people are demanding publicity of things they have a right to know and in which they are interested. It is to the interest of both debtor and creditor that all notices of forced sales of property should be advertised and given the widest publicity; to the debtor, that his property may bring at least a fair value; and to the creditor, if he means to be fair and just, that his debtor's property bring all it should, or at least a fair price. It is to the interest of the general public that all notices of elections, looking to an issuance of bonds or a levy of taxes, as well as financial statements of cities and counties, schools and drainage districts, should be published in some newspaper, that all may be properly informed.

The difficulty of fixing a rate for legal advertisements and such notices as are of general interest to the public, which should be published in some newspaper, presents itself when it is considered that what might be a fair and reasonable rate in one paper might be exorbitant in another, and *vice versa*.



### Chapter III—The Libel Law

NO limit can be set to the power and the influence of the press when the press is free and untrammelled. Error is harmless when truth is left free to combat it. Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of American Independence, is credited with saying that if he had to choose between a government without newspapers and newspapers without a government, he would choose the latter. To fetter freedom of thought and to muzzle the press has ever been the first care of tyrants and of corrupt politicians and place-holders. "Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." Richard Brinsley Sheridan, "a match for Burke, or Fox, or Pitt, in the Athenian age of English Parliamentary Government," said: "Give them a corrupt House of Lords, give them a venal House of Commons, give them a tyrannical Prince, give them a truckling Court, but let me have an unfettered press, and I will defy them to encroach a hair's breadth upon the liberties of England."

From the time of Texas Independence, through annexation, and up to 1901, there was no law of civil libel on the statute books of Texas. The newspapers of the State were hampered by and shackled with the criminal law of libel, which held that the greater the truth the greater the libel. Effort after effort was made by the Texas Press Association to secure the passage of a law defining libel and enumerating privileged publications, but without success until the session of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature. As the enactment of the law of civil libel was the most important legislation affecting the newspapers of Texas ever enacted, a recital of the efforts made to secure the passage of that law should be of interest.

At the annual convention of the Association held in Dallas in 1899, to go no further back, the special committee on libel legislation said: "The absence of a civil law in this State on the subject of libel, and conflicting decisions by different appellate



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courts, have resulted in confusion and uncertainty as to what is the law that governs the business of collecting and publishing news in Texas. Unlike any other citizen engaged in a business enterprise in Texas, the publisher of a newspaper cannot ascertain through legal counsel what are his rights and privileges with respect to any matter submitted to him, in advance of his action with reference to it, no matter how innocent and laudable may be his purpose. The protection to the newspapers acting in good faith accorded by other States under the common law, which is supposed to be the rule of action here, is, under Texas judicial interpretation, denied to the publishers. \* \* \* The measure of the publisher's offense is subject to the variable judgment of petit juries and the publisher is wholly without legal guide in publishing matter which may affect private character or business. As a consequence, even the acts of officials and the proceedings of official bodies may involve allegations or circumstances that can be distorted and made to serve as a basis for litigation. As no two news items are exactly alike, and no two public events precisely the same in circumstances, the few precedents in the courts are of little value, even if they were consistent one with another. At his peril, the publisher must decide for himself what is or is not a libel and abide the consequences of a judicial determination. Under the common law forms in force in this State, a newspaper publisher charged with libel is supposed to be guilty until he can prove his innocence, the reverse of procedure in all other cases where violation of law is charged. We submit that in all fairness to both press and public, publishers of newspapers are at least entitled to the same consideration extended all other citizens of Texas, and, when they offend the law, should be put on equal footing with all other men in being presumed innocent until proven guilty. Our decisions make worse than penal the discharge of the highest duties of the press in standing courageously for pure and honest administration of public government. We urge upon the legislature the public necessity of passing an act embracing the three cardinal reforms, to-wit:



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The definition of libel, the specification of privileged publications, the elimination of the presumption of malice, by leaving the question of malice, as well as of damages, issues of proof for the jury to decide from the evidence, as is now the law in most other States. In its actual operation, the libel system of Texas is without a precedent in English speaking lands and can only be defended upon the grounds that are assigned by despotic power in monarchical forms of government by placing limitations upon public information. If it is the desire of the people of this State to make permanent this system, we respectfully appeal to them to do it in the form of statutory enactment, pledging ourselves loyally to abide by their will and decree. We submit, however, that insidious and gradual encroachments upon the liberty of the press, made without authority of statute, present an issue well worthy of their consideration. It is the public who suffer most from the present harsh conditions, because they are deprived of certain proper, wholesome and needful information in respect to judicial, municipal, county and State matters. It is not liberty to express opinions of men and affairs which the press asks; it has that now, and no statute or lack of a statute can deprive it of the guarantee of the Bill of Rights. What the press asks for itself, and demands for the public, is emancipation from conflicting court decisions which are at present the only rules of civil libel, and relief from collusive litigation which is not designed to recover damages for real injuries, but to extort the proverbial 'bad compromise which is better than a good lawsuit.' And the concern is more the public's than the newspapers', because the public cannot know what is doing in courts, city councils, commissions, legislatures, and the various departments and bureaus, unless the newspapers publish the transactions; and assuredly the people are entitled to know every official act or revelation of any and all their representatives and servants. The press of Texas asks for the enactment of a law upon the subject of libel that will affirmatively fix the statutes, announce the privileges, and set the limitations upon the press."



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Time dragged its weary length, and still the honest prayer of the press was ignored and the relief prayed for was refused. Strange, passing strange, when we look back to it, that this was so.

At the annual convention of the Association, held in Brenham in 1900, the committee on legislation reported:

"At the last regular session of the legislature, the efforts of our friends in that body to secure the enactment of libel legislation proved abortive. \* \* \* At the extra session, held but a few weeks ago, Governor Sayers was kind enough to name libel as one of the subjects of legislation. A libel law was introduced, but shared the fate that had befallen so many other bills of like nature. There seems scarcely any doubt on the part of newspaper people as to the desirableness of libel legislation and the enactment of such a law as will define libel so plainly that all may know with certainty what libel is, and so fair that both the public and publishers will be protected. Not only should libel be defined, that all may know what is the law, but privileged communications should be defined to the end that all may know what may and what may not be printed. A few months ago, a scandal growing out of the management of one of our penal institutions was the subject of legislative investigation, yet not a publisher dared to inform the public of matters connected therewith, which were of public interest and of which the public should have been informed \* \* \* ."

The following letter, written by Hon. E. G. Senter, attorney for the Association, to Governor Joseph D. Sayers, shows in plain and concise language the hardships and limitations the libel law worked upon the honest publishers who were not "execution proof," and is a splendid exposition of the iniquitous libel law as administered in Texas, and which prevailed until the Twenty-seventh Legislature gave the press partial relief:

"Dallas, Texas, February 5, 1900.

Hon. Jos. D. Sayers, Governor, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: The grounds of just complaint that Texas pub-



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lishers have against what may be called the judicial libel law of Texas concisely stated relate to:

"1. The presumption of malice where malice does not in fact exist, upon which presumptive damages to an indefinite amount may be based.

"2. The presumption of damages where no damages in fact exist. Under the common law rule, recognized in most other States, and in England, this presumption extends only to publications that are classed as libels *per se*. By late decisions of the Courts of Civil Appeals in Texas, which may or may not be upheld by the Supreme Court, all limitations are in effect removed from the operation of this rule and the juries are left free to assess such damages as they choose to give, without regard to the nature of the libel. It is only necessary that they shall find that its tendency is to do injury. (See *Brown vs. Durham*, 42 S. W. 331.)

"3. The inclusion of injury to feelings in actual damages, (*Belo vs. Fuller*, 19 S. W. 616.) In the case of *Houston Printing Company vs. Moulden* (41 S. W. 381), damages were given in the sum of \$1,000 as actual damages, based solely upon the testimony of the plaintiff that he couldn't tell how he felt because of the publication; that he was 'considerably worried' by it.

"4. The legal imputation by innuendo of a meaning to publications, contrary to the ordinary rules of language, to the intent of the publishers, and to the understanding of the public. (See *Dement vs. Houston Printing Company*, 37 S. W. 985; 44 S. W. 558; *Democrat Pub. Co. vs. Jones*, 18 S. W. 652; *Belo vs. Fuller*, 19 S. W. 616; *Belo vs. Smith*, 40 S. W. 856).

"5. The lack of a plain, simple rule defining privileged matter.

"The Texas doctrine upon these subjects is in some important respects unsettled. Some of the divisions of the Court of Civil Appeals are at variance with each other, and others seem to depart from rules and principles that have been laid down by the Supreme Court of the State. For instance, that Court in the



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case of *Zeliff vs. Jennings* (61 Texas 466) held that to be a libel *per se* a publication must impute moral turpitude, and that it was not sufficient to bring it within that category that it should charge a violation of the law. The crime must be such as would tend to disgrace the person in the estimation of society. This doctrine has been so changed by later decisions that no lawyer in Texas would now dare to undertake to say what is a libel *per se*, justifying general damages without proof of loss or injury. Publishers have good reason to fear that they are left absolutely to the mercy of a jury, which is without legal chart or compass, but is invested with power to give free rein to passion or prejudice, and has the assurance that there is no rule of law to restrain its action, however unjust that may be. The practical effect of the law is to subject a publisher to attack in any county in the State, to be selected by the plaintiff, and to submit the case to twelve citizens with general authority to render such judgment as they see fit to give, the only real function performed by the Court being to regulate the selection of the jury. In no other litigation, of whatsoever character, or however meretricious may be the conduct complained of, is there such an entire lack of judicial rules controlling the trial and the result of the case. It is submitted that under no other circumstances is the plaintiff's testimony as to his feelings sufficient basis for a judgment for an indefinite sum, even though the defendant may be entirely innocent of any wrongful intent, and the publication may have been made by him from praiseworthy motives.

"In *Patton vs. Belo* (14 S. W. 1037), a decision rendered by the Commission of Appeals, and approved by the Supreme Court, it was suggested that the presumption of malice arising from a false publication might be rebutted 'by proof of circumstances showing the defendant's motives in making the publication were proper,' and there being no further evidence of malice a verdict for the defendant was properly rendered. It is difficult to reconcile some of the later decisions with this doctrine.

"There is no rule to which the publisher can safely look for



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information as to what constitutes privileged matter. The publication complained of in *Belo vs. Wren* (63 Texas 686) was made upon the advice of two of the most distinguished lawyers in Texas, one of whom sat upon the Supreme bench when the case was decided (not participating in the hearing). The defendant published the matter upon this assurance, which it deemed conclusive that it was privileged. The Supreme Court held otherwise. What is privileged matter, in the present confused state of the law, can only be determined on appeal to the higher courts. It is submitted that every citizen engaged in a lawful business should be able to ascertain the rules of the law that govern his business, and to measure his responsibility for any action in connection therewith before it is taken.

"Much of the information that the public demands from a newspaper is often offensive or unpleasant to somebody. Judicial ascertainment of facts in controversy is reached only after long investigation, and with all the processes of the courts available, and then it frequently happens that erroneous verdicts are returned. In dealing with such matters, it may easily happen that the publishers, in spite of the utmost diligence, will sometimes make mistakes. It is submitted that when a mistake is thus innocently made, and every effort is made to correct it and to prevent damage, the publisher should be liable only for such actual damage as may result from the publication, and that to levy in such a case, under fictions of law repugnant to a common sense of justice, penalties more severe than are assessed for grave and wilful crimes against society, is not conducive to the welfare of the public or promotive of any good end or wholesome design.

"The measure which has been submitted by the press of Texas, acting through a committee of the State Press Association, proposes to deal only with cases in which the publication shall be shown to have been innocently made and for legitimate ends; it is the general sentiment of the press that where im-



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proper motives exist for a publication no good reason can be shown for a change in the present law.

“Very truly yours,

“E. G. SENTER,, Atty. for T. P. A.”

The following was suggested by the committee as embodying the views of the press of Texas on the subject of libel, and was presented to the Legislature with a request that it be enacted into law:

“Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

“Section 1. In any action for damages brought for the publication of a libel in any newspaper or periodical devoted to the publication of general news, science or literature, the plaintiff shall recover only such special pecuniary damages as may be shown to have been suffered by him because thereof, if it shall appear on the trial of such action that such publication was made in good faith, and that there were reasonable grounds for believing that the statements set forth in such alleged libelous publication were true, and that its falsity was due to mistake or misapprehension of the facts, and that in the next regular issue of said newspaper or periodical, after such mistake or misapprehension was brought to the knowledge of the publisher or publishers thereof, a correction or retraction was published in as conspicuous a manner and place in said newspaper or periodical as was the libel.

“Sec. 2. The publication of the following matters by any newspaper or periodical as defined in Section 1 shall be deemed privileged, and shall not be made the basis of any action for libel without proof of actual malice:

1. A fair and truthful report of any executive, judicial, legislative, constabulary, police or other official proceedings or action, or anything said or done in the course thereof.
2. A fair and true report of public meetings.
3. Reasonable and fair comment and criticisms upon matters of public concern, and the official acts of public officials, published for general information.



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"Sec. 3. On the trial of any such action for libel the defendant may give in evidence under the general issue, in mitigation of damages, the circumstances and intention under which such publication was made, and any public apology, correction or retraction of the libel complained of made and published by him.

"Sec. 4. In any such action for damages for libel if the defendant shall suggest the name or names of the person or persons who furnished the matter or information, the publication of which is complained of, by notice served on the plaintiff or his attorney of record on or before the return day of the term of court to which citation thereon is returnable, such person or persons shall be necessary parties defendant in the further prosecution of said action."

But this bill did not appear to harmonize with the views of the lawmakers, and the common law of libel as interpreted by the Texas courts, more drastic in its interpretation and working than the libel law of any State in the Union, still continued to fret and shackle the press of Texas. But relief was at last near at hand. At the annual convention of the Association held in the city of Houston in 1901, the special committee appointed at the preceding convention reported that, "fortified with a Democratic platform demand \* \* \* together with a strong recommendation by Governor Sayers in his message \* \* \* the friends and advocates of libel reform in the Twenty-Seventh Legislature succeeded in securing to the press of Texas a measure of relief from existing conditions \* \* \* the first line relating to civil libel ever incorporated in the statutes of this State." The law reads:

"A bill to be entitled an act to define civil libel, to declare certain newspaper reports to be privileged communications, to allow certain matters to be pleaded and proved in mitigation of exemplary damages in civil libel cases, and to declare an emergency.

"Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

"Section 1. A libel is a defamation, expressed in print or



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writing, by signs or pictures or drawings, tending to injure the reputation of one who is alive, and thereby expose him to public hatred, contempt or ridicule or financial injury, or to impeach the honesty, integrity or virtue, or reputation of any one, or to publish the natural defects of any one, and thereby expose such person to public hatred, ridicule or financial injury.

"Sec. 2. In any action for libel, the defendant may give in evidence, if specially pleaded in mitigation of exemplary or punitive damages, the circumstances and intentions under which the libelous publication was made, and any public apology, correction or retraction made and published by him of the libel complained of. The truth of the statement or statements in such publication shall be a defense to such action.

"Sec. 3. The publication of the following matters by a newspaper or periodical as defined in Section 1 shall be deemed privileged and shall not be made the basis of any action for libel without proof of actual malice:

1. A fair, true and impartial account of the proceedings in a court of justice, unless the court prohibits the publication of the same, when, in the judgment of the court the ends of justice demand that the same should not be published, and the court so orders, or any other official proceedings authorized by law in the administration of the law.

2. A fair, true and impartial account of all executive and legislative proceedings that are made matters of record, including reports of legislative committees, and of any debate in the Legislature and its committees.

3. A fair, true and impartial account of public meetings organized and conducted for public purposes only.

4. A reasonable and fair comment or criticism of the official acts of public officials, and of other matters of public concern published for general information.

"Sec. 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed to amend or repeal any penal law on the subject of libel nor to take away any existing defense to a civil action for libel, nor shall this act



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affect any suits now pending or that may hereafter be brought upon a cause of action arising prior to the taking effect of this act.

“Sec. 6. Emergency clause.”

In his annual address (1901) President E. W. Harris, who was at the same time a member of the Texas State Senate, said of the passage of the libel law, given above:

“I am proud to state at this time that the Twenty-Seventh Legislature, the first time in the history of Texas, placed upon our statutes a civil libel law, reasonably fair and just, alike to the press and the public. For years the injustice to the press, especially of the absence of such a law, has been dwelt upon in our Association meetings; and our legislative committees have importuned successive Legislatures in vain for the simple justice guaranteed by a plain statute defining civil libel and establishing a rational, uniform and just method of adjudicating libel suits. For several years the entire press of the State have worked intelligently and persistently for such a law, but our legislators have been slow to respond to such demand. The average legislator does not seem to comprehend the true relation between the newspaper and the public—is ignorant of the duties as well as the difficulties of the business; is blind to its rightful privileges, and reluctant to give to it that consideration and protection necessary to guard and promote both its interests and that of the public. The press has never desired that it be given license to commit wrong or to injure any one. It has only asked for a legal definition of libel, and for an enumeration of privileged communications, that its property might not be in constant jeopardy from the designs of irresponsible adventurers, encouraged and aided by the inconsistencies, contradictions, and legal vagaries of judges without established rules for their guidance in the trial of civil libel suits against newspapers. Fortified by a Democratic platform demand for reasonable and just libel legislation, supplemented by a strong and emphatic recommendation by Governor Sayers in his message, the friends of libel reform in the



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present Legislature made a determined and successful fight for a libel law that would be fair alike to the press and the public. In the Senate, the bill outlined by the legislative committee of this Association was made the basis for the contest. The bill which first passed the Senate was in reality an ideal measure. It gave a clear and explicit definition of libel, removed the presumption of malice, provided that only actual pecuniary damages could be recovered where malice was not proven, and defined fully privileged publications. The House, however, was not so favorably inclined to a just and fair recognition of the rights and privileges of the newspapers as the bill guaranteed, and returned it to the Senate materially modified, but still a reasonably fair measure. The bill, as it became a law, defines libel, enumerates privileged publications, and makes the truth of a statement published a complete defense \* \* \*."

So much space has been devoted to the subject of the libel law because it is the most important legislation affecting newspapers ever enacted in the State of Texas. The fight for relief from the restraints and restrictions which shackled the press was long drawn out, strange to say in the most Democratic and cosmopolitan State in the Union; and it would be almost beyond belief, if it were not so lamentably true, that for so many long years the men of the press were treated as though they were dangerous to the community and were denied the same rights and privileges that were enjoyed by their fellow citizens in all other lines of business and endeavor. But right and truth eventually prevailed, as they will always prevail, and the men of the press, like other men when charged with crime, are now supposed to be innocent until proven guilty. The day of the passage of the civil libel law deserves to be entered as a red letter day on the calendar of the Texas press.



## Chapter IV—The Anti-Pass Law

ANOTHER piece of legislation which affected the press of Texas was the enactment of the anti-free pass law. The press, realizing the great evils growing out of the use and abuse of free passes over the railroads and other public service corporations, made such insistent demands for the passage of an anti-pass law that such a law was passed by the Thirtieth Legislature in 1907, a law which was as drastic and as far reaching as could well be made. By its provisions the newspaper people were not only denied the privilege of free passes, along with public officials, a denial which did not affront them, but were denied the right of making contracts with the railroads exchanging advertising space for transportation over the railroads. This was considered, and doubtless rightfully so, as a piece of spite work on the part of the law-makers to punish the newspaper people for "pernicious activity" along that line and to give them, as some were quoted as saying, "a dose of their own medicine." The press, feeling an indignity had been placed upon it in denying to it the right of contract, moved for a modification of the law, but it is and always has been opposed to its repeal.

A reading of the proceedings of the Association will show the view the members took of the law, and the sentiment of the press is shown in the following address to the people, setting forth the anti-pass law in its proper light, which was adopted by the executive committee on September 7, 1907, and ratified by the Association at its following annual convention:

"Whereas, It has been charged that the efforts of the press of the State of Texas to relieve itself of the burdens placed on it by the anti-pass law are directed toward the destruction of the whole of such law; and

"Whereas, This alleged fact is commented upon as evi-



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dence of the insincerity of the press in demanding the making of such a law; therefore, be it

“Resolved, That the people of Texas be advised of the true position of the press on this question, which is as follows:

“The press of the State stands now, as it has stood, for a law which will prevent the issuance of free passes to officials; because such courtesies extended by corporations to law makers, law definers and law enforcers are calculated to blandish and balk officials to the destruction of a pure and impartial policy of government.

“But in the enactment of the law the Legislature saw fit to restrict and prohibit the owner of a newspaper from exchanging the space in his paper for transportation over the railways of the State, and by so doing deliberately set aside the right of a citizen to enter into contracts which are not detrimental to the public good, or immoral, or depraving in their character.

“Under these circumstances, the newspaper owners and members of the State Press Association feel impelled to fight in the courts the inhibition and limitation imposed on them therein, and it is distinctly announced that the press of the State of Texas stands for and advocates a fair, impartial law, undefiled through being born through revenge or spite, as it has always stood, and that the effort to trim the present law to a respectable statute is directed wholly to the elimination of the objectionable provision which sets aside the newspaper man as a special subject of prohibitive and restrictive legislation.

“Resolved, That the press of Texas has never received, and does not ever expect to receive from the railroads any transportation except in payment for advertising at its full value.

“Resolved, That the press of Texas does not indorse any system under which, under any conditions, newspaper men shall receive free transportation.”



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But there was never any contest in the courts over the matter. The law was amended later on so that under certain conditions the railroads may advertise and pay for same in transportation.

For awhile it was feared that the denial of the right to exchange advertising space for transportation over the railroads would materially affect the attendance on the annual conventions of the Association, but such has not been the case; and while the resentment against the "spite work" has not perhaps entirely died out, it is no longer given voice.



## Chapter V—The Beginning of Printing in Texas

IT is believed that the first printing press in the territory comprising the State of Texas was at Nacogdoches in 1819, operated by one Horatio Bigelow who hailed from Massachusetts. As Texas was at that time a colony of Spain and comprised a part of Mexico, being but sparsely settled, if indeed it could be considered as inhabited at all, and Nacogdoches merely a frontier military post, the press was perhaps used principally, if not solely, for the printing of official papers, military proclamations, etc. It has been claimed that Bigelow at times issued from this press a sheet containing the news, but this lacks authentication. It does not appear that there is a copy of the Bigelow paper in existence, if indeed such a paper was ever published.

According to Judge A. B. Norton who should have been well informed on the subject of early Texas newspapers, having been one of the pioneer newspaper men of the State, and whose history of the early newspapers of Texas is made a part of this work, the first newspaper published in Texas of which there is any authentic knowledge was "The Cotton Plant," which was published by Godwin Brown Cotten at San Felipe de Austin in what is now Austin county and near the present town of Belleville. Its first issue was on September 29, 1829, and it was published by Cotten until July, 1832. It was a four-page paper, three columns to the page, the pages nine and one-half by twelve inches, and the subscription price was six dollars a year. Judge Norton further says that in January, 1831, "The Gazette of Texas" was printed on the same press.

The first steam-power printing press was introduced into Texas in 1850 by Hamilton Stuart of "The Galveston



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Civilian," which, by the way, was the first daily newspaper printed in Galveston. Later, in 1860, "The South West" was issued from a power press in the city of Waco by W. H. Parsons who commanded a brigade of Texas Cavalry during the War between the States.



## Chapter VI—Printing Plants Then and Now

THE trials and difficulties under which the pioneer newspaper man labored in the days of slow transportation, by oxen drawing wooden-axle wagons for hundreds of miles, are not now realized nor perhaps easily imagined. But there are still "in the harness" those who remember when the newspaper man was "well equipped" who had a few hundred pounds of body type (usually primer, or ten point, as we designate it now-a-days), a few fonts of job and ad type, an Army or Washington hand press, and sometimes, though rarely, a job press; and if a job press, no doubt it was of the hand-lever variety. Paper cutters were unknown in those pioneer offices and paper was cut along a "straight edge" with a pocket knife, or a half moon knife such as saddlers use. Circulars, letter-heads, envelopes, and even cards, it is said, were printed on the Army and Washington hand presses. Cigar boxes were in demand for reglets, strips of tin were used on occasion for rules, and pieces of card board as temporary substitutes for leads. Every office manufactured its own rollers. Makeshifts of many kinds were of necessity resorted to and ingenuity was taxed to its utmost; for necessity had to mother many inventions and "improvisements" in the days of the men who blazed the way of journalism in Texas.

The hand or lever job press gave way to the press with a treadle as the press with the treadle is giving way to the press driven by engine or electric motor. The Army and the Washington hand presses were succeeded by the Mann, the Prouty and the Country Campbell hand cylinders, each in turn an improvement over the other. These were all operated by hand power. The engine used, in the rare instances in which there was an engine in a printing office, was an upright steam engine, and the fuel wood.



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The Mann hand-cylinder press, which doubtless was considered in its day a great invention and one which had come to fill a long felt want, deserves more than passing mention, as few perhaps who read this ever saw one. There is one now in operation in the office of The News in Carbon, Eastland County. The frame is of wood and is twelve feet long; the cylinder is of sheet iron, is twenty-six inches in diameter, and is filled with sand or anything else to give it weight. At each end of the frame is a feed board, and the frame has a gentle incline at each end so as to give the cylinder an easy start. The pressman feeds a sheet under the grippers, turns the crank attached to the cylinder and begins to walk, turning as he goes. Arriving at the end, he takes off the printed sheet, inserts another and resumes his walk, turning the crank as he walks to and fro. Compute, if you will, the number of feet the pressman must travel to turn off a circulation of one thousand on a Mann hand-cylinder press.

And now compare the printing plant of today with that of pioneer days! Scarcely a "country weekly" of today but is equipped with an up-to-date cylinder press, job press, or job presses, all driven by a gasoline engine or electric motor, paper cutter, stapler or wire stitcher (in the old days stapling was done with a pegging awl and needle and thread), perforater, punching and round-cornering machines, and other machines and accessories to make easy the printing of the newspaper and the turning out of job work. And there is perhaps a folding machine, a Mergenthaler or other type-setting machine, while in place of case stands are cabinets for the better care of type and the economizing of floor space, and many other things, now accounted as necessary, which were unknown and undreamed of in "those good old days." While a few hundred dollars measured the value of the average printing plant then, as many thousands are required to install such plants as many "country newspaper" men now possess.

In these days of fast printing presses, and quick compo-



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sition on typesetting machines, as well as other machines and contrivances which make for the easy and speedy production of the printed sheet, it is almost impossible to realize that the beginning of all the complicated machinery of the press and composing rooms of today dates from so recent a time as 1803.

Up to 1813 little progress, we are told, had been made in the making of books since the days of Gutenberg and Caxton. For a period of three hundred and fifty years all printing was done on the old platen press, the almost identical counterpart of Gutenberg's invention. The press used by Benjamin Franklin, and now exhibited in the National Museum in Washington City, is a fair type of the platen style of printing press. The press is constructed almost entirely of wood and consists of a flat type bed upon which the forms are placed and above which is suspended the platen or impression plate. The bed is rolled under the platen by the "rounds," a wooden cylinder and straps. To the platen is attached the impression screw by which power is applied when it is desired to make an impression; a pulling of the handle causes a revolution of the screw and forces the platen down upon the type bed. The press was, of course, operated entirely by hand. The type was inked with what were known as inking balls. These consisted of pads of leather stuffed with wool. The balls were charged with ink and rubbed the one upon the other until there was an even distribution of ink; then the balls were applied to the type with both hands until the letters were properly and uniformly inked.

"In 1798, the Earl of Stanhope made a press entirely of iron which was an improvement, though not a radical one, over the press used by Benjamin Franklin. The frame was cast in a single piece and the power was applied by a combination toggle joint and lever. The machine had a capacity of about two hundred and fifty impressions an hour and was considered a marvel in those days.

"In 1803 two new principles were discovered which in



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their development and modification have made possible the marvelous product of the presses of today. During that year Frederick Koenig, a Saxon, commenced experiments with the view of making the then existing hand press more rapid. His idea was to substitute the composition roller for the inking balls and the cylinder for the platen. He finally succeeded in inventing a machine embodying both of these principles and to be operated not by hand power but by steam. In 1812, Mr. Walter, proprietor of the London Times, ordered two of these machines and had them secretly erected in the very next room to that in which the paper was being printed by hand. He was obliged to conduct the work clandestinely, as he had already experienced considerable trouble with his workmen, who opposed every improvement that was likely to interfere with hand labor. Under these circumstances the work of construction proceeded very slowly, and it was not until two years later, at 6 o'clock, on the morning of November 29, 1814, that Mr. Walter entered the press room of his office with several damp printed sheets in his hand and informed the astonished hand pressmen who were waiting for the forms that the edition of the Times for that day had been printed by steam. The press was capable of turning out eight hundred copies of the Times in an hour, a marvelous production in that time. Each of the machines erected by Koenig for the Times printed only one side of the paper, so that when the sheet had been half printed by one machine it had to be passed through the other in order to be perfected. The first improvement on the Koenig press was made by Cowper and Applegath who contrived a modification by which both sides of the sheet could be printed on one and the same machine. The principles of the Koenig and Applegath machines have been followed with more or less diversity of detail in most of the printing machines at present in use.

"The successive improvements in the Stanhope press were the Columbian, introduced in 1817, in which the power was applied by a compound lever; and the Washington, invented by



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Samuel Rust, in 1829. In 1830, Adams applied the principle of the hand press to a machine operated by steam, and known as the Adams book press, capable of giving from five to seven thousand impressions per day, the impressions being given by raising the bed upon which the forms rested against the stationary platen.

"In 1893, an innovation was introduced into newspaper printing. This was the colored supplement. \* \* \* The idea had long been a fixed one in the minds of newspaper proprietors, but it was impossible to carry it out because, up to the date mentioned, no machine equal to the quality of work required had been produced. The press which finally met the requirements was invented by F. Meisel. This press not only prints in four colors in one operation, but prints on both sides, folds, cuts, and delivers the sheet free from smudge or offset.

"The type revolving printing presses, with their capacity of from ten to twenty thousand sheets an hour, were the marvel of their time and did good service during the Civil War, from 1861 to 1865. \* \* \* In 1863, the first web perfecting press was erected by Bullock, and the printing industry experienced another great revolution whose ultimate results are the marvelous machines now in use, capable of turning out from fifty to one hundred thousand papers, perfected and folded, in one hour. The Hoe Octuple press was considered one of the mechanical wonders of the world, and is thus described: This press printed, folded and cut ninety-six thousand complete eight page papers per hour, or sixteen hundred every minute. The press is fourteen feet high and twenty-five feet long; it contains eight impression cylinders, each cylinder having a capacity for eight stereotype plates or pages on its circumference; the paper, of double width, is fed from four independent rolls, seventy-three inches wide, one side being printed upon as the paper passes over the set of stereotype plates on one cylinder and the other side being printed upon as it passes over the plates of another cylinder. The paper travels through



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the cylinders at the rate of thirty-two and one-half miles per hour, the sheets being automatically cut, pasted, folded and counted out in bundles of twenty-five. Although the work is automatically performed, after the press is started it requires the work of ten men and boys to operate the machine and remove the folded sheets as fast as they are printed."

Another improvement over pioneer days, and a happy conception it was, is the "point system" whereby various sizes of type are now designated by "point" instead of by name. The pica is taken as the unit, and a point is one-twelfth of a pica or .0138 of an inch. The adoption of the point system insures uniformity in the size of type bodies of the same point. Following is a table of the names of type bodies in ordinary use and their designation by points:

Brilliant, three and one-half point; Diamond, four and one-half point; Pearl, five point; Agate, five and one-half point; Nonpareil, six point; Minion, seven point; Brevier, eight point; Bourgeois, nine point; Long Primer, ten point; Small Pica, eleven point; Pica, twelve point.

(Editor's Note—This paragraph respecting the "point system" for designating type was found detached in the Author's manuscript. It is thought best to insert it here.)



## Chapter VII—Growth and Development of Printing in Texas

THE growth and development of the printing business has kept pace with the growth and development of the State. The first paper printed and published in Texas was "The Cotton Plant," in 1829, at San Felipe de Austin near the present town of Bellville, by Godwin Brówn Cotten. It was a four-page paper, the pages nine and one-half by twelve inches, containing three columns to the page. Of the equipment of the plant and its value we have no means of knowing, but doubtless it was in keeping with the size of the sheet and the then poverty and sparse settlement of the country. Of its circulation we can not even guess; but as the country was but sparsely settled, and "wilderness was king," it must have been very small. In 1850, twenty-one years after the first issue of the very first paper, there were thirty-four papers in Texas. Of these, five were tri-weekly and twenty-nine weekly, with an aggregate circulation of 771,524 copies per issue. The United States census of 1900 showed 722 publications in the State, of which 83 were dailies, 579 weeklies, 22 semi-weeklies, and 38 of other classification. The last Federal census (1910) shows that Texas ranked as sixth in the Union in the number of publications. It accounts for 1,067 printing establishments in the State, with \$9,234,859 invested in printing and publishing, and a payroll of \$4,443,351 per annum. The output of the printing presses is given a value of \$20,-367,270 per annum. The number of persons engaged in the industry is given at 7,177, of whom 4,408 are wage earners, 1,159 proprietors and firm members, 425 salaried officers, superintendents and managers; 984 male and 201 female clerks. There are 3,876 male and 670 female wage earners over the age of 16 years and 254 male and 25 female wage earners under the age of



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16 years. The average circulation of the publications, per issue, is given at 2,180,922, divided as follows: Daily, 330,562; Sunday, 302,189; Weekly, 964,524; Semi-weekly, 265,816; Monthly, 256,700. Ayer's Newspaper Annual for 1912, shows 1,010 publications in Texas, divided as follows: Daily, 96; semi-weekly, 29; weekly, 808; fortnightly, 1; monthly, 66; quarterly, 2. The places of publication number 592, of which 222 are county seats. Of the publications issued in Texas, there are 29 printed in German, 20 in Spanish, 4 in Bohemian, 2 in Swedish, 2 in Italian, and 928 in English. The report of the Commercial Secretaries' Association, which is supposed to be correct, gives the aggregate circulation of the publications of the State for the year 1913, at 4,123,000 per issue.



## Chapter VIII—"Lest We Forget"

AT the fourth annual convention, 1883, resolutions were adopted on the death, and eulogies were pronounced on the character of our first president, J. W. Fishburn of the Mexia Ledger; and a page of the minutes was dedicated to his memory.

At the seventh annual convention, 1886, memorial services were held in memory of Hal L. Gosling of the Castroville Quill, second president of the Association, and a page of the minute book was devoted and dedicated to him. Resolutions were also adopted in regard to the death of Miss Kate, sister of W. C. Bowen of the Cotulla Ledger.

At the eighth annual convention, 1887, resolutions were read in regard to the death of Granville McPherson of the Blanco Star-Vindicator and of Willie Spruance of the Arlington World, and a page of the minute book was set apart and dedicated to their memory.

At the ninth annual convention, 1888, the death of D. C. Williams of the Mineola Monitor, F. D. Allen of the Galveston Visitor, T. J. Girardeau of the Houston Post, sixth president of the Association, C. J. Pilgrim of the Gonzales Inquirer, and Charles DeMorse of the Clarksville Standard, were reported and appropriate resolutions were adopted. Pages in the minutes were dedicated to the memory of the three first named.

At the tenth annual convention, 1889, resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of H. Smythe of the Weatherford Times.

At the twelfth annual convention, 1890, the deaths of W. T. S. Keller of the San Angelo Enterprise, and W. C. Hill of the Bellville Times, were the subject of resolutions, and pages in the minutes were set apart to their memory.



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At the thirteenth annual convention, 1892, the murder of W. C. Bowen of the Cotulla Ledger was made the subject of resolutions commemorative of his virtues and denunciatory of the jury which rendered a verdict for acquittal of the party charged with killing him.

At the fourteenth annual convention, 1893, resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of J. P. Bridges of the Luling Signal, ninth president; J. F. Mitchell of the Greenville Banner, twelfth president; R. W. Coleman of the San Antonio Truth; Miss Virginia Gordon Rock of the Woodville Eureka, and J. J. Haggarty of the Bellville Times.

At the fifteenth annual convention, 1894, resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of Judge A. B. Norton of Norton's Union Intelligencer, Colonel W. L. Malone of the Fort Worth Gazette, Mrs. Laura E. Foute of the Gulf Messenger, G. R. Parsons of the Kerrville News, Mrs. Amanda Murray, wife of B. C. Murray of the Denison Gazetteer, and Mrs. L. D. Lillard of the Fairfield Recorder.

At the sixteenth annual convention, 1895, resolutions were spread on the minutes in regard to the death of S. M. Carleton of the Ennis Saturday Review.

At the seventeenth annual convention, 1896, the death of Henry Muller of the Texas Volksblatt of Brenham, and of Mrs. Isabella Von Haxathausan of the Texas Zeitung of Houston, were the subject of resolutions.

At the eighteenth annual convention, 1897, resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of J. G. McIlvaine of the Itasca Mail.

At the twenty-first annual convention, 1900, eulogies were pronounced upon the character of Dr. William Martin Yandel, fourth president of the Association, and resolutions in regard to his death were adopted.

At the twenty-second annual convention, 1901, resolutions were adopted and eulogies were pronounced, at a memorial service, on the characters of John F. Elliott of the Dallas



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Times-Herald; Sam Vernon, nineteenth president, of the Comanche Chief; A. H. Belo of the Galveston-Dallas News; J. K. P. Shirley of the Weatherford News; Mrs. Napier, wife of T. H. Napier, of the Winnsboro Wide-Awake; Frank Vernon of the Cisco Round-Up, our loved secretary; L. L. Foster, seventh president, and at the time of his death president of the A. & M. College.

At the twenty-fourth annual convention, 1903, the deaths of A. H. Freeman of the Grandview Graphic, George B. Loving of the Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter, J. H. Alumbaugh of the Celeste Courier and Frank Templeton of Ennis, were reported and suitable resolutions in regard thereto were adopted.

At the twenty-fifth annual convention, 1904, Edwin E. Overall of the Fort Worth Railway and Industrial Guide and Dudley D. Bryan of Houston were reported as having passed away since the last annual convention and resolutions in regard thereto were adopted.

At the twenty-seventh annual convention, 1906, resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of former Governor James Stephen Hogg, Howard E. Wilson of the Rockdale Messenger, Mrs. O. P. Gresham of the Temple Mirror, Mrs. W. W. Dexter of Houston, and Colonel R. G. Lowe, Alfred H. Belo and Thomas W. Dealey, all of the Galveston-Dallas News.

At the twenty-eighth annual convention, 1907, resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of Tom B. Johnson of the San Antonio Light, A. C. Scurlock of the Cleburne Chronicle, 14th president, J. S. Henderson of the Corpus Christi Crony, D. L. Beach of the Gonzales Inquirer, and J. H. Stanberry of the Mansfield Sun.

At the twenty-ninth annual convention, 1908, resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of J. C. Mahoney of the Pleasanton News and Sam McGary of the Beaumont Journal.

At the thirtieth annual convention, 1909, resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of J. D. Ford of the Timpson



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Times, P. H. Pardue of the Alvarado Bulletin, and Harry W. Brown of the Glen Rose Herald.

At the thirty-first annual convention, 1910, resolutions in regard to the death of Edgar A. Heath of the Hico News, R. W. Martin of the Gatesville Star-Forum, to whom also a page in the minute book was dedicated, and H. H. Thompson of the Floresville Journal and Chronicle, were adopted.

At the thirty-second annual convention, 1911, resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of T. Ernest Streight of the McGregor Mirror, Elwin A. Thompson of the Denison Herald, J. K. Dunn of the Inland Type Foundry, and J. W. Graves of the Graham Leader.

At the thirty-third annual convention, 1912, resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of J. F. Kennedy of the Mart Herald, James I. Toner of the Gulf Coast Record, and Maury Haltom of the Nacogdoches Sentinel.

At the thirty-fourth annual convention, 1913, memorial services were held and eulogies pronounced upon the characters of E. W. Harris of the Greenville Herald, 22nd president; J. W. Crayton of Abilene, A. O. Robertson of the Trinity County Star; S. J. Thomas, 26th president, late of the Comanche Chief, and at the time of his death Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Austin, and T. J. Middleton of the Waxahachie Mirror.

At the thirty-fifth annual convention, 1914, the report of the Memorial Committee paid tribute to the virtues and extended sympathies to the relatives of the following who had died since the preceding convention: William Wentworth Dexter, Editor of the 'Texas Bankers' Journal, Houston; William N. Furey, Editor of the Paris Daily Advocate; and Jno. R. Hedges, Editor of the Galveston News. In the committee's report were included the names of two honorary members: Clayton West of the West-Cullum Paper Co., Dallas, and Col. Frank B. McKnight of the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company.



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At the thirty-sixth annual convention, 1915, tributes of love were paid to the following whose labors during the year preceding had terminated by the "call of 30" and the summons to their rewards: A. M. Kennedy, Kerrville; D. S. Harrison, San Augustine; Thos. H. Napier, Dallas; and P. O. Willson, Taylor. Added to the above, during the memorial service, was a special tribute by Hon. Clarence N. Ousley to Harry Lee Marriner, "Staff Poet" of the Dallas News, who also had gone to his reward during the year past.

"I can not say, and I will not say  
That they are dead; they are just away.  
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,  
They have wandered into an unknown land,  
And left us dreaming how very fair  
It must be since they linger there.  
And you, O you, who the wildest yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad return—  
Think of them faring on as dear  
In the love of there as the love of here.  
Think of them still as the same, I say:  
They are not dead; they are just away."

We will not say "Good-night" to them, but hope that in some gentler clime they will greet us with a cheery "Good-morning."



## Chapter IX—Print Paper

ONE of the principal factors in printing, as essential as type and machinery, is paper. The origin and early history of paper as a writing material is involved in much obscurity. The art of making paper from cotton, reduced to a pulp, appears to have been practiced by the Chinese at a very remote period. Different writers have traced it back to the second century before Christ. But however remote its age may have been in eastern Asia, cotton paper, we are told, first became available for the rest of the world at the beginning of the Eighth century, when the Arabs captured Samarkand, in 704 A. D., and there learned its use. Its manufacture was taken up by them and rapidly spread through all parts of their empire; and we find references which lead to the conclusion that paper was used in Rome as early as the Tenth century.

The manufacture of paper in Europe was first established by the Moors in Spain. Rag paper appears to have been first mentioned about 1122 A. D., and linen paper evidently was first made in the Fourteenth century. At the first, paper was made entirely by hand, but in 1798, Louis Robert, an employe of a paper mill near Paris, France, invented a machine for the making of paper, which gave a great impetus to the business. (The Robert machine was perfected and patented early in the last century by Fourdrinier). This, the Robert machine as perfected and patented by Fourdrinier, was introduced into England in 1804 and was the first paper mill erected in that country. The first paper mill was introduced into the United States in 1820. Since that time machine made paper has supplanted hand made paper and has been brought to a high state of perfection by improvements in the machinery.

At the close of the War between the States, publishers used to pay twenty-five cents a pound for book paper which can now be bought at from four to eight cents. Then the commonest kind of paper used in the printing of newspapers



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cost twenty-five cents a pound, whereas it can now be bought at from two to four cents.

In 1860, so we read, a German by the name of Voelter perfected a system whereby wood pulp was substituted for rags, and the problem of cheaper and a more bountiful supply of paper was solved. To such perfection has the process been carried that it is possible for the tall tree of today to be made into the sheet for tomorrow's newspaper. But while the credit seems to have been given to Voelter for the discovery of the secret of making paper out of wood pulp, there is another claimant for the honor. A dispatch of March 6, 1914, from New York City says: "Augustus Stanwood, who, watching hornets build their nests, half a century ago, conceived the idea of manufacturing paper from wood pulp, died in his Brooklyn home. From old fence rails and dry logs the hornets observed by Mr. Stanwood scraped wood fiber and with it constructed their homes. In 1862 he built a wood pulp factory which still stands in Gardiner, Maine. Before his discovery, paper was made chiefly from rags. Mr. Stanwood was born in Maine, seventy-five years ago." But let the credit be given to whom it may, the discovery that paper could be made from wood pulp was a great blessing to the world, because it insured a larger and cheaper supply of print paper, thus cheapening the cost of production of books, newspapers and magazines.

The advancement in the printing business within the past one hundred years has been wonderful—yea, marvelous. But the last discovery, and the last improvement, has not been made in the production of paper; nor has the last improvement been made in the art of printing; nor has the last invention yet come in printing machinery. We now have automatic feeders for both job and cylinder presses, which are a decided success. More and more hand work is being displaced by machinery, and one can but wonder, in this day of remarkable discoveries and inventions, what next the ingenuity of men will contrive to make printing more rapid and more economical.



## Chapter X—The Duties of An Editor

THERE is no calling more honorable, nor one charged with graver and greater responsibility than that of the editor and publisher of a newspaper. He should never lose sight of the fact that his duty is not only to entertain, but to instruct; that he is a teacher, a leader of thought. His constant effort should be to keep his columns clear of all uncleanness and to see that into them no evil suggestions creep, nor aught that may bring a blush to the cheeks of modesty; to make his paper so clean, so free from all that is impure, and so reliable in its statements and declarations, that it will always be a welcome and honored guest in every home to which it is admitted; to avoid partisanship in the publication of the news; to advocate and seek to promulgate only those things which tend to the mental, the moral, the social and the material uplift of men and the betterment of the country; to be charitable and tolerant of the opinions of others, since we can no more all see alike and think alike, nor model our lives along the same lines, than we can all wear the same size shoes. The highest duty of the editor is to seek the truth, to know the truth, and to proclaim the truth, with due regard, however, to the characters and reputations of men and women, the happiness of families and the well-being of the community. John, while in the Island of Patmos, saw things which it were not lawful to utter; and so there are things which come to the knowledge of the editor which were better left unpublished if they are calculated to bring pain and strife. The editor should avoid all unclean subjects and unchaste language, and those things which were better left unsaid. The editor should live and work upon a high plane, and seek so to realize his duty to himself and his fellow men as to feel that in honor and dignity, in usefulness and influence, his work is second in importance to none, it matters not how exalted. He should go about his



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work "with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives him to see the right." Let him not lose confidence in his fellow men, nor despair of the future, for:

"There's a heaven above and a God of Love,  
And a father who will fend;  
And life goes up and life goes down,  
But it all comes right in the end."

The duties and responsibilities of an editor are as great as those which burden the shoulders of any, barring none. He is working, if he rightly understands his high calling, not alone for the present, but for the future; and not alone for the men now on earth, but for those who will come after. Lest he forget:

"He wins the world's applause who leads  
A conquering army to the fray;  
But yonder where the vulture feeds  
Long cherished hopes were swept away.  
He merits fame who has the gift  
To thrill men with his eloquence,  
Or out of worthless chaff to sift  
The golden grains of common sense.  
But blest o'er all the rest is he  
Who pens a line that travels far,  
And causes fretful men to see  
How few and small their troubles are."

It is the duty of the editor to strive, and that continually, by every honest effort to increase the capacity of himself and his paper for good; to work to make men happier and wiser, always recognizing and making all due allowance for the frailties and limitations of human nature. There is no calling more honorable nor one carrying greater responsibilities than that of editing a newspaper, no matter how humble, or howsoever circumscribed, may be its circulation. To leave out the bad, to insert only that which makes for good, and to be as



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careful of the reputation and character of his paper as he is of his personal reputation and character, is the whole sum of an editor's work when it is rightly considered. If a paper does not commend itself to the public and command the public's respect, the blame lies alone upon its management. The world seldom misunderstands or underestimates men; and while we may complain of the verdict of our neighbors it is generally correct.

An editor should print the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; but there are truths it were better to leave unpublished. Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, said, as will be remembered, that all things were lawful to him, but that all things were not expedient. An editor should publish the truth and the truth only, but it is not necessary to publish every truth, nor is it the part of wisdom to tell all he knows. If the editor is the man he should be, he is almost "the father confessor" of his community, being the repository of many secrets. The editor should print the truth, but

"If you see a tall fellow ahead of a crowd,  
A leader of men, marching fearless and proud,  
And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud,  
Will cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed,  
It is a pretty good plan to forget it.

"If you know of a skeleton hidden away  
In a closet, and guarded, and kept from the day  
In the dark, and whose showing, whose sudden display  
Would cause grief, and sorrow, and lifelong dismay,  
It is a pretty good plan to forget it.

"If you know of a thing that would darken the joy  
Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,  
That would wipe away a smile, or the least bit annoy  
A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy,  
It is a pretty good plan to forget it."



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The Texas Press Association, and it is by no means the least meritorious in its influence for good, has done much to raise and improve the standard of journalism, to increase editorial dignity, to elevate journalistic ethics and to insist upon a due regard to the proprieties of life in the use of language on the printed page. Early in the organization of the newspaper folks into an association there was an insistent demand for a higher plane of living and the use of only clean language in the public press. The Texas Editorial and Press Association, at its annual convention held in the city of Houston, in 1875, adopted the following: "Resolved, That any member who shall be convicted, after a fair and impartial trial, of habitual drunkenness, or of publishing obscene language, or of committing an act degrading the Association, shall for the first offense be reprimanded, and for the second offense be dealt with as the Association may determine." And the Texas Press Association has been no less insistent upon the sobriety, good conduct, and clean speech of its members in their papers.

The editor must bring thought into his work; he must remember that thought rules the world; that, as has been said, "nothing but a newspaper can drop the same thought into a thousand minds at the same moment." The editor has in his hands a great and wonderful power, if he would only realize it, a power beyond any in our civilization if he would use it as it should be used. Who can compute it? De Tocqueville said of newspapers: "To suppose that they only serve to protect freedom is to diminish their importance; they maintain civilization."

Thought rules the world; and no man is free who lets others think for him and force him to do their bidding.



## Chapter XI—Value of Newspaper Files

THE publisher of a newspaper should not lose sight of the fact that his paper, when rightly conducted, is a record of the history of his community—of history in the making. Hence, his duty to be a faithful chronicler of the news and to keep the record straight; and, hence, the value attaching to his files and the reason they should be carefully preserved, for they are day by day, or week by week, as the case may be, the sole repository of the happenings of his community. From them we may gather information as to the questions which agitated the public mind at the date of issue, of the doings of the National, State, County and Municipal governments, of the men who were prominent in the upbuilding of the town and country, of the improvements made and projected, of the state of the weather, of the condition of the crops, the prices of products and merchandise; and, from the reports of fashionable functions, we may learn of the fashions then prevailing; and we may read in them of the marriages, births and deaths. In short, the files of newspapers give us a full and complete history of the communities in which they are published, history written on the spot and just as it happened.

A writer in the *Atlantic Monthly*, some years ago, said:

“When, in 1887, I began the critical study of the history of the United States from 1850-1860, I was struck with the paucity of material which would serve the purpose of an animated narrative. While considering my materials, I was struck with a statement cited by Herbert Spencer in his ‘*Philosophy of Style*.’ ‘A modern newspaper statement, though probably true, if quoted in a book as testimony, would be laughed at, but the letter of a court gossip, if written some centuries ago, is thought good historical evidence.’ At about the same time, I noticed that Motley (the historian)



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used as one of his main authorities for 'The Battle of Quentin' the manuscript of an anonymous writer. From these two circumstances it was a logical reflection that some historians might make an exaggerated estimate of the value of manuscript material because it reposed in dusty archives and could be utilized only by severe labor and long patience; and that, imbued with this idea, other historians for other periods might neglect the newspaper because of its ready accessibility."

The newspapers of a time mirror to us the sayings and doings of the men and women, and the phenomena of nature, of their day. In their columns, the world passes before us as a panorama. Bulwer Lytton said in the English House of Commons: "If I desired to leave to remote posterity some memorial of existing British civilization, I would prefer, not our docks, not our railways, not our public buildings, not even the palace in which we hold our sittings. I would prefer a file of the Times."

There were no railroads, no telegraph lines, no telephones, no electric lights, no trolley and interurban lines, no reapers and mowers, no threshing machines, no steam plows, no horseless carriages, when the printing press came to Texas; but their comings, along with the recital of other things that make interesting reading, are chronicled in the files of the newspapers of the State. It may be, as has been said, that you can't write history from newspapers, but the historian who neglects the files of the public press will miss a great deal of valuable information and material which can be found nowhere else.

Perhaps this subject is a bit out of place in a history, but the subject has seemed to the writer so important that it is hoped the digression will be pardoned; and it is hoped that the calling of attention to the value of newspaper files will have the effect of persuading the publishers of Texas to be more careful in the selection and preservation of the files of their papers.



## An Editor's Reflection Upon a Photograph

Frances McMinds, School of Journalism, Austin.

(Expressed by proxy, with apologies wherever due.)

'The T. P. A. of 'Ninety-four,  
In photographic guise,  
A group of faces known, yet strange,  
Upon my desk it lies;  
A mute reminder of the past,  
Those time-dimmed faces show  
The men who ruled the Texas press  
Some twenty years ago.

Whole-souled, great hearted fellows they,  
The knighthood of the pen;  
Right gallantly they gaze at me,  
A goodly lot of men,  
With here and there a woman's face—  
Nor strange it should be so,  
For wives were watchful then, as now,  
Some twenty years ago.

And other things the group depicts  
That now would make us stare;  
Mustached and whiskered visages  
The stamp of fashion bear;  
And yet 'tis plainly to be seen,  
Though hirsutes ebb and flow,  
The bald head flourished even then—  
Some twenty years ago.



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There's Gilliland, who came from Baird,  
And Cox, called "Mary Jane,"  
With Lehmann, Cullom, Gaston, too,  
And Johnston, known to fame—  
The courtly Colonel from the South—  
All these their smiles bestow,  
Among the men who pushed the pen  
Some twenty years ago.

There's Buie in the topmost row;  
Lee Rountree's handsome face,  
And Frank P. Holland's gen'rous phiz,  
Each holding honored place;  
Tom Perkins lines up with the bunch,  
And Taylor—gallant Joe—  
All these were gathered at Fort Worth  
Some twenty years ago.

J. L. McCaleb, and Adair,  
Had answered to the call;  
Fred Robinson, from Huntsville then,  
And Johnson, too, from Hall,  
With fierce mustache and lofty brow—  
Ah, little did we know  
How he'd cut up as Senator—  
Some twenty years ago.

But where are others of "the gang,"  
Will Mayes and Bob Ransone,  
Jim Lowry, Yantis, and the rest  
Whose names we've always known?  
They must have been there—well, perhaps—  
Ask Colonel Baillio;  
He tried to keep up with the boys  
Some twenty years ago.



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A score of years, and one, have passed;  
Our ranks have filled apace,  
And final "Thirty" has been called  
For many a well-known face;  
But, though this grand old T. P. A.  
In strength and numbers grow,  
Still shall we honor those who served  
Some twenty years ago.



## Life Members

Holland, Frank P., Farm and Ranch	Dallas
Johnston, R. M., Post	Houston
Adair, W. A., Messenger	Marshall
Mayes, Will H., Bulletin	Brownwood
Ousley, Clarence N., Record	Fort Worth
Yantis, R. E., Review	Athens
Robinson, Fred B., Times-Herald	Waco
Lowry, J. H., Signal	Honey Grove
Perkins, Tom W., Daily Courier-Gazette	McKinney
Buie, W. J., Railway Journal	El Paso
Gilmore, C. E., Life Member	Wills Point
Johnson, W. A., Hall County Herald	Memphis
Ransone, J. R., Jr., Daily Enterprise	Cleburne
Edwards, W. C., Record and Chronicle	Denton
Taylor, Joe J., News	Dallas
Harris, D. R., Rusk County News	Henderson



## PART TWO

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Proceedings of the Texas Press Association  
From Its Organization in 1880,  
to 1915, Year by Year



## First Annual Convention—1880

ON the 19th day of May, 1880, a meeting of newspaper men was held in the parlors of the Hutchins House in the city of Houston for the purpose of organizing a State press association and out of that meeting sprung our present Texas Press Association.

Major E. W. Cave, chairman of the reception committee, being introduced by W. V. R. Watson, chairman of the committee of arrangements, made the address of welcome on behalf of the Cotton Exchange and the merchants of Houston, after which the guests were escorted to the Bohemian Club headquarters and listened to the reading of a poem written for the occasion by Mrs. Lee C. Hardy of Houston. On behalf of the guests, W. P. Wilson of the Fort Worth Advance, responded to the address of welcome.

On motion of Frank Small, temporary organization was gone into, and Colonel P. E. Edmonson of the Flatonia Argus was made temporary chairman and F. A. Small temporary secretary. The committee on permanent organization was composed of L. M. Green of the Tyler Courier, E. H. Harris of the Paris Banner, W. P. Wilson of the Fort Worth Advance, J. W. Fishburn of the Mexia Ledger, J. E. Muer of the Austin Review and P. E. Edmonson of the Flatonia Argus.

The committee to draft a constitution and by-laws consisted of A. P. Harris of the Orange Tribune, W. J. Johnson of the Mount Pleasant News, J. W. Burson of the Denison Herald, C. H. Hanson of the Kosse Local, C. J. Pilgrim of the Gonzales Inquirer and J. G. Rankin of the Brenham Banner.

An address was made by Colonel John F. Elliott of the Dallas Herald.

What number were present at this initial meeting we are



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not told, nor are any names given aside from the officers of the temporary organization and the committees. However, we are told that the number in attendance was increased the next day to seventy-seven by the arrival of V. H. Ivy of the Whitney Bee, R. M. Smith of the Bryan Pilot, R. G. Lowe of the Galveston News, B. F. Stewart of the New Orleans Democrat, J. E. Cooper of the Georgetown Sun and E. D. Linn of the Victoria Advocate.

Permanent organization was effected as follows:

President—J. W. Fishburn of the Mexia Ledger;

Vice-Presidents:

First District—L. M. Green, Tyler Courier;

Second District—R. W. Loughery, Marshall Herald;

Third District—J. F. Elliott, Dallas Herald;

Fourth District—L. K. Tarver, Corsicana Observer-Index;

Fifth District—A. H. Belo, Galveston News;

Sixth District—W. H. Maltby, Corpus Christi Free-Press.

Secretary—Frank A. Small, Telegram;

Treasurer—Gail B. Johnson, Houston Post.

Corresponding Secretaries:

First District—H. V. Hamilton, Tyler Reporter;

Second District—E. H. Harris, Paris Banner;

Third District— — — Garland, Granbury Vidette;

Fourth District—J. G. Batte, Belton Journal;

Fifth District—J. W. Jones, Austin Commercial;

Sixth District—E. D. Linn, Victoria Advocate.

Executive Committee:

First District—A. P. Harris, Orange Tribune;

Second District—C. W. Raines, Wills Point Local;

Third District—J. W. Burson, Denison Herald;

Fourth District—J. W. Downs, Waco Examiner;

Fifth District—J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner;

Sixth District—Frank Grice, San Antonio Express.

The motion to make Judge A. B. Norton of the Dallas Intelligencer vice-president at large, "in order to have the officers of the Association of different shades of politics," failed of adoption.

The report of the committee on constitution and by-laws was made, but the text is nowhere given in the record of the proceedings. However, mention is made of the fact that the



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portion of the preamble of the constitution naming proprietors of job offices as eligible to membership was stricken out; and a lengthy discussion followed as to whether editors who were not also proprietors should be admitted to membership, the contention of the objectors being that editors in the employ of proprietors of newspapers should not be allowed an equal voice with their employers in the regulation of their proprietary management. After the discussion had been carried to a point which threatened to defeat organization, a compromise was agreed on to admit to membership editors who were not proprietors, but denying to them the right to vote on questions involving expenditures imposed by the Association on members who were also proprietors of newspapers.

H. L. Gosling of the Castroville Quill was elected orator, P. H. Peters of the Sherman Chronicle essayist, and Miss Florence Gerald of Waco poetess.

A resolution was adopted, reciting that it is to the interest of the State, judgment creditors, taxpayers, and property holders, that no property should be sold in the State at forced sale without reasonable publicity given through the public press, and instructing the President to appoint a committee to draft a bill in regard to public printing and urge the passage of the same by the next legislature.

The need of a paper mill in the State was mentioned, but no action was taken.

A motion to charge advertising agents regular rates for advertising was tabled.

The committee to draft a bill in regard to public printing and present the same to the next legislature was composed of J. F. Elliott of Dallas, S. D. Wood of Tyler, A. C. Gray of Houston, R. M. Smith of Bryan and A. Seimering of San Antonio.

Invitations were received from Dallas, Galveston and Houston, but the selection of the next place of meeting was left to the executive committee.



## Second Annual Convention—1881

THE second annual convention was called to order by President Fishburn May 11, 1881, in Pillot's Opera House in the city of Houston.

It being announced that the secretary was absent from the State and his books "not available," a committee on credentials was appointed to discover and determine who were members of the Association. At the evening session the committee reported the following as regular members (meaning, perhaps, that they were charter members):

J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner; H. L. Gosling, Castroville Quill; G. H. Sweet, Galveston Journal; C. E. Gilbert, Navasota Tablet; A. P. Harris, Orange Tribune; G. P. Miller, Corsicana Observer; C. W. Raines, Wills Point Local; W. J. Johnson, Mt. Pleasant News; Dave Nation, Brazoria Independent; George C. Deming, Palestine Advocate; Gail B. Johnson, Houston Post; L. L. Foster, Groesbeck New Era; O. O. Nation, Brazoria Independent; C. H. Hanson, Kosse Local; E. D. Linn, Victoria Advocate; F. G. Spann, Brenham Sentinel; J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal; G. T. Cooper, Georgetown Sun; R. M. Smith, Bryan Pilot; J. W. Fishburn, Mexia Ledger; P. H. Peters, Sherman Chronicle; J. W. Burson, Denison Herald; E. H. Harris, Paris Banner; J. T. Elliott, Dallas Herald; F. L. Yocum, Palestine Farm and Orchard; E. L. Wepf, Terrell Times; D. M. Stovall, Wood County Flag; H. C. Jones, Dallas Times; W. P. Draughn, Giddings Lone Star; J. T. Walker, Terrell Star; T. P. Maddox, Montgomery Journal; S. R. Carothers, Giddings Lone Star; J. E. Shook, Rusk Observer; A. H. Yeager, Cleburne Chronicle; D. C. Williams, Mineola Flag; G. H. Ivy, Whitney Bee; R. L. Hayes, Winnsboro Sentinel; Frank Grice, San Antonio Express; P. E. Edmonson, Flatonia Argus; J. W. Baines, McKinney Advocate; T. J. Girardeau, Houston Post; Nat Q. Henderson, Georgetown Record; C. F. Alterman, People's Vindicator.

Sixty-three new members were received at this convention, and the names of T. C. Cain of the Bastrop Advertiser, T. A. Taylor of the Austin Wochenblatt, and W. T. Walker of the Texas Law Journal were reported as regular members by the credentials committee. They were perhaps a portion of the original seventy-seven said to have been present at the organization whose names had not occurred to the committee at the time the report was made. It will be noted that while the minutes of the first annual convention indicate that seventy-seven were present and participating in the organization,



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the committee on credentials at this convention were able to account for only forty-three, or forty-six when we include the names of the three said to have been omitted.

The committee on credentials (H. L. Gosling, J. W. Burson, T. J. Girardeau, E. H. Harris and Gail B. Johnson) offered a resolution which was adopted, to the effect that in voting for members the constitutional requirements be adhered to and that only those having proprietary interest and who are bona fide editors be admitted to membership; that the Constitution was explicit on the subject of proxy representation; that no one is either entitled to membership or the privileges of the Association except bona fide members and that no such representatives (proxy) of members will be recognized.

The following new members were elected:

E. C. Huckabee, J. M. Snyder, T. P. Alexander, S. H. Walker, J. L. Terry, Menzies Cummings, E. D. Terry, J. C. Cameron, W. W. Williams, W. M. Yandell, J. A. Knox, Aleck E. Sweet, M. C. Hill, R. J. Stevenson, C. L. Comer, W. P. Withers, R. W. Haltom, J. W. Golledge, H. H. Ford, L. Nowell, Byron Drew, J. M. Fletcher, James P. Jones, J. R. Curl, D. N. Dodson, C. J. Pilgrim, W. A. Fields, O. W. Dodson, R. T. Milner, J. C. Son, J. F. Shaw, Charles Beall, J. W. Johnson, E. B. Scott, S. A. Fishburn, P. O. Wilson, John W. Leonard, E. F. Yeager, F. D. Allen, R. J. Redgell, E. W. Shands, A. D. Rust, W. H. Pascoe, T. R. Leeman, J. H. Davis, J. A. Abney, W. T. Walker, C. A. Beuchner, James P. Newcomb, W. Forney, George B. Loving, W. P. Wilson, Mrs. Bella S. Swisher, J. W. Hill, W. L. Graves, E. E. Overall, C. F. Jones, Mrs. S. L. McPherson, Mrs. L. M. Mount, F. D. Allen, J. K. Street, A. L. Cashell, J. H. Julian. (The names of the papers with which the above were connected are not given.)

The annual oration was by Colonel Sweet. Miss Florence Gerald of Waco read a poem she had prepared for the occasion. A banquet was given the Association by the Cotton Exchange, Board of Trade, Houston Press Club and the merchants of Houston. Colonel P. E. Edmonson was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

The reports of the President and Secretary were received, but no record of them was made nor mention, further than that a personal explanation was made by President Fishburn in regard to the reference to himself in the Secretary's report, which he considered as an attack upon himself. He pronounced the charges made as false and asked for an investiga-



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tion. The Association refused to consider the matter seriously, not considering it an attack; but a committee was finally appointed to investigate the Secretary's report and make application to Mr. Small for all money held by him for the Association.

The following officers were elected:

President—H. L. Gosling, Castroville Quill;

Vice-Presidents:

First District—A. P. Harris, Orange Tribune;

Second District—F. D. Alexander, Greenville Herald;

Third District—W. P. Wilson, Fort Worth Advance;

Fourth District—Wm. A. Fields, Meridian Blade;

Fifth District—P. E. Edmonson, Flatonia Argus;

Sixth District—C. J. Pilgrim, Gonzales Inquirer.

Secretary—J. W. Burson, Denison Herald-News;

Corresponding Secretaries:

J. W. Leonard, Beaumont Enterprise;

B. L. Leaman, North Texas Journal;

Mrs. L. S. McPherson, Sherman Democrat;

J. W. Golledge, Hillsboro Mirror;

Mrs. Bella Swisher, American Sketch Book;

James P. Newcomb, San Antonio Evening Light.

Treasurer—Gail B. Johnson, Houston Post;

Orator—E. H. Harris, Paris Banner; W. P. Wilson, Fort Worth Advance, alternate.

Essayist—E. D. Linn, Victoria Advocate; Miss Kate Efnor, alternate.

Poetess—Miss Claudia Girardeau; Mrs. Belle Swisher, alternate.

Executive Committee:

First District—O. W. Dodson, Henderson News;

Second District—Byron Drew, Kaufman Sun;

Third District—J. W. Barnes, McKinney Advocate;

Fourth District—Nat Q. Henderson, Georgetown Sun;

Fifth District—C. E. Gilbert, Abilene Reporter;

Sixth District—Dr. W. M. Yandell, Seguin Times.

A motion was made to print two hundred copies of the proceedings with the Constitution and By-Laws. The motion as carried eliminated the printing of the proceedings, but provided for printing the roll of membership.

A committee was appointed to consider the subject of



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education, the wants and demands of the people on that subject, and to digest matter for consideration at the next annual convention. The chair appointed as that committee T. J. Girardeau, W. P. Walker, E. H. Harris, J. C. Cameron and George H. Sweet.

Mrs. Lillian Randall Clark of Dallas read "Lochinvar's Ride."

A resolution that the same charge be made for foreign as for home advertising and that pay for same be required in advance, provoked considerable discussion, was referred to a special committee, and was finally laid on the table to be called up at the next annual convention.

Mr. Medlenka, of the Houston German Post was admitted to membership.

The President requested the Association to see that each bona fide member be furnished with proper credentials; and that notice be given the local committees of the city whose hospitality the Association shall accept at the next annual convention of who are members; and that only such as are members be recognized. The announcement was received with much favor.

Invitations from the G. C. & S. F. and G. H. & H. railway companies to visit Galveston, and tendering the free use of their lines, were received and accepted.

The committee on investigation of the report of the absent secretary, Frank A. Small, submitted resolutions which were adopted, "disowning and resenting the reflections cast by Mr. Small on our late president, J. W. Fishburn, and our treasurer, Gail B. Johnson."

Besides the usual resolutions of thanks for courtesies extended, resolutions of sympathy were tendered the family of F. R. Connolly, late of the Marshall Messenger; and to the family of the late Mrs. E. H. Cushing, one of the pioneer editors of the State.

Before adjournment, "President Gosling took occasion to



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pay a deserved tribute to the Association on account of the order and gentlemanly bearing which had characterized every member of the Association during their present visit."

Houston was selected as the next place of meeting. The excursion was to California and it is still talked about and referred to as one of the most pleasant the Association ever took.

Following is the roll of members of the Texas Press Association as reported by the committee on membership at the meeting held in Houston, in May, 1881:

J. G. Rankin, Brenhan Banner; H. L. Gosling, Castroville Quill; J. F. Elliott, Dallas Herald; C. E. Gilbert, Abilene Reporter; E. L. Wepf, Terrell Times; E. D. Linn, Victoria Advocate; David Nation, Richmond Nation; R. L. Hayes, Winnsboro Sentinel; T. P. Maddox, Montgomery Journal; Geo. C. Deming, Palestine Advocate; J. W. Burson, Denison Herald-News; G. H. Sweet, Galveston Journal; G. P. Miller, Corsicana Observer; A. P. Harris, Orange Tribune; J. T. Walker, Terrell Star; Frank Grice, San Antonio Express; J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal; W. J. Johnson, Mount Pleasant News; P. E. Edmonson, Flatonia Argus; J. E. Cooper, Georgetown Sun; J. W. Baines, McKinney Advocate; T. J. Girardeau, Houston Post; J. W. Fishburn, Mexia Ledger; O. O. Nation, Brazoria Independent; C. H. Hanson, Hubbard City Vindicator; F. D. Allen, Galveston Visitor; Geo. B. Loving, Fort Worth Live Stock Journal; W. P. Wilson, Fort Worth Democrat-Advance; Mrs. L. S. McPherson, Sherman Democrat; S. O. Young, Houston Post; A. L. Cashell, Kyle Nutshell; E. C. Huckabee, Waxahachie Mirror; J. L. Perry, Longview New Era; W. M. Yandell, Seguin Times; W. C. Hill, Bellville Times; Byron Drew, Kaufman Sun; C. J. Pilgrim, Gonzales Inquirer; Wm. A. Fields, Meridian Blade; R. T. Milner, Henderson Times; Charles Beall, Lampasas Dispatch; E. B. Scott, Stephenville Empire; J. W. Leonard, Beaumont Enterprise; R. J. Ridgell, Allen Narrow Gauge; A. D. Rust, Giddings Plaindealer; J. H. Julian, San Marcos Free Press; J. P. Jones, Dallas Planter; F. L. Yocum, Palestine Orchardist; T. C. Oltorff, Marlin Ball; H. V. Hamilton, Tyler Democrat-Reporter; Gail B. Johnson, Houston Post; L. L. Foster, Groesbeck New Era; Nat Q. Henderson, Georgetown Record; D. C. Williams, Mineola Hawkeye-Monitor; C. A. Beuchner, Austin Volksblatt; James P. Newcomb, San Antonio Light; J. W. Hill, Comanche Chief; W. L. Graves, Graham Leader; Tom C. Cain, Bastrop Advertiser; J. K. Street, Street's Monthly, Waco; R. P. B. Medlenka, Houston German Post; F. P. Alexander, Greenville Herald; E. S. Perry, Wills Point Pointer; A. E. Sweet, Austin Siftings; J. W. Golledge, Hillsboro Mirror; J. M. Fletcher, Linden Journal; J. A. Knox, Austin Siftings; O. W. Dodson, Henderson News; J. C. Son, Mineral Mells Star; J. W. Johnson, Houston Post; S. A. Fishburn, Mexia Ledger; E. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise; E. W. Shands, Austin Railway Journal; W. H. Pardue, Galveston Civilian; J. H. Davis, Mount Vernon Herald; H. C. Jones, Dallas Union; C. F. Alterman, Dallas Volksblatt; L. M. Green, Tyler Courier; L. W. Rains, Mineola Hawkeye-Monitor.



## Third Annual Convention—1882

THE third annual convention of the Association was held in Lyceum Hall, in the city of Houston, and was called to order by President H. L. Gosling, on April 25, 1882.

The roll call showed the following members present:

J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner; J. T. Walker, Terrell Star; T. P. Maddox, Montgomery Journal; O. O. Nation, Brazoria Independent; S. O. Young, Houston Post; E. S. Terry, Wills Point Pointer; W. A. Fields, Meridian Blade; E. B. Scott, Stephenville Empire; A. D. Rust, Giddings Plaindealer; J. W. Burson, Denison Herald-News; David Nation, Richmond Nation; J. W. Baines, McKinney Advocate; D. C. Williams, Mineola Hawkeye-Monitor; A. L. Cashell, Kyle Nutshell; W. M. Yandell, Seguin Times; O. W. Dodson, Henderson News; S. A. Fishburn, Mexia Ledger; J. H. Davis, Mount Vernon Herald; H. L. Gosling, Castroville Quill; J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal; Gail B. Johnson, Houston Post; F. D. Allen, Galveston Visitor; E. C. Huckabee, Waxahachie Mirror; J. W. Colledge, Hillsboro Mirror; R. T. Milner, Henderson Times; E. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise; H. C. Jones, Dallas Union; G. P. Miller, Corsicana Observer; R. L. Hayes, Winnsboro Sentinel; T. J. Girardeau, Houston Post; W. L. Graves, Graham Leader; F. P. Alexander, Greenville Herald; C. J. Pilgrim, Gonzales Inquirer; W. J. Johnson, Houston Post; R. J. Ridgell, Athens Narrow Gauge; C. F. Alterman, Dallas Volksblatt.

"In addition to the above the following members in good standing were absent: J. H. Sweet, Galveston Journal; J. T. Elliott, Dallas Herald; C. E. Gilbert, Abilene Reporter."

The committee on membership reported the following applications for membership and recommended their election:

R. G. Luse, Cisco Round-Up; W. T. Hardenbrook, Houston Railway Review; L. O. Webb, Pittsburg Magnet; L. W. Clark, Bryan Pilot; C. M. Nation, Richmond Nation; F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle; J. N. Connor, Morris County Herald; E. T. Merriman, Corpus Christi Free Press; A. W. Reiley, Wills Point Local Chronicle; John Levin, Brenham Banner; J. G. Batte, Belton Journal; H. A. Moore, Brenham Independent; A. J. Wilson, Sweetwater Advance; John Guthrie, Bandera Bugle; O. Hightower, Cleburne Telegram; C. W. Geers, Denton Monitor; W. T. Roberts, Gainesville Register; M. D. Lankford, Quitman News; H. W. Martin, Emory Argus; J. H. Wofford, Dallas Observer; C. A. Kessler, Linden Sun; A. B. McCans, Gainesville Driftwood; John Hand, Galveston News; J. F. Archer, Jr., Crockett Patron; T. J. Crooks, Denison Herald-News; J. L. Lemons, Caldwell Register; O. L. Crouch, Cuero Bulletin; A. A. Pittock, Texas Agricultural Journal, Hempstead; Tom M. Bowers, Carthage Watchman; L. A. Heil, Texas Wool; J. R. Robinson, Railway Advance; J. B. Link, Houston Baptist Herald; J. H. Sullivan, Galveston Journal; L. D. Lillard, Fairfield Recorder; J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner; J. W. McKee, El Paso Herald; Frank A. Rust, Ennis Recorder; S. M. Vernon, Dublin Gazette; Charles Culmore, Houston



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German Post; R. P. Kirk, Schulenberg Enterprise; A. W. Gifford, San Antonio Light; Frank Gaston, Meridian Blade; J. W. Anderson, Floresville Chronicle; E. W. Harris, Henderson News; J. G. O'Brien, Dublin Enterprise; W. R. Lotz, Clarendon; B. M. Baker, Columbus Citizen; J. S. Penn, Laredo Times; E. G. Senter, Cleburne Telegram; E. C. Hunter, Sherman Democrat; J. G. Wood, Mt. Pleasant News; J. M. Frazier, Morgan Sentinel; J. M. Donohoghue, Navasota Tablet; S. H. Newman, El Paso Lone Star; W. A. Abey, Longview Democrat; A. H. Belo, Galveston News; P. W. Archer, Crockett Patron; R. M. Robinson, Winnsboro Sentinel; E. G. Rust, Dallas Mercury; W. M. Bamberge, printer, Houston; J. M. Snyder, Citizen, Austin; S. R. Withers, Texas Greenbacker; Vic Rheinhart, Texas Knight; C. W. Styles, Galveston News; Sam J. Callahan, Albany Sun; J. C. Jones, Pilot Point Post.

J. H. Davis of the Mount Vernon Herald was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

An invitation was extended by local Odd Fellows to the members who were also members of the order to attend a picnic the next day, the same being the sixty-third anniversary of that order.

In regard to the proposed excursion to San Francisco, the President read a telegram stating that the Palace Hotel in that city would give the Texas editors most favorable rates.

D. D. Williams of the Mineola Hawkeye-Monitor, A. W. Gifford of the San Antonio Light and E. F. Yeager of the Waxahachie Enterprise were appointed members of the executive committee to fill the places of absentees.

The committee on advertising submitted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That members of this Association be required to charge not less than \$7.50 an inch per year, where the circulation to actual subscribers does not exceed 500." Consideration of the matter was deferred until the next day when, after much discussion, the following was adopted:

"Resolved, That whenever it shall come to the knowledge of any member of this Association that any individual, firm, or advertising agency proposing to advertise in Texas papers, representing the Association, is fraudulent or unreliable, it shall be the duty of such member to at once notify the secretary of the fact, furnishing that officer with proper evidence thereof. Upon receipt by the secretary of such information he shall promptly forward to each member of the Association



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a notice of the fraudulent or unreliable character of such individual, firm or advertising agency.

"Resolved, That no member of the Association shall charge less for foreign than for home advertising.

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Association that it would increase the advertising patronage of the press of Texas, and greatly improve the tone of the press, if those who use patent sheets would exclude all advertising from the patent pages, except such as are contracted for and the rates fixed by the publisher."

The adoption of the section prohibiting the charging of less for foreign than for home advertising was reconsidered and the section was defeated. The section requiring publishers to charge not less than \$7.50 per inch per annum was not adopted.

The following resolution offered by J. W. Burson was adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the editors and proprietors of papers in the State of Texas, and members of this Association, do hereby bind ourselves, individually, as men of honor and integrity, to do all in our individual and collective power to protect the press of the State against fraudulent advertising and advertising agents; that we will endeavor to so adjust advertising rates with regard to foreign patrons that no injustice shall be done either our respective papers or our local patrons; that we will promptly notify the president and secretary of this Association of any fraudulent advertisers or advertising agents that may come under our notice; that we feel that further than this, this Association cannot accomplish any good upon the matter of foreign advertising and advertisers."

The report of the committee on education, and a most able paper it was, was submitted by Professor Thomas J. Girardeau of the Houston Post. Its length precludes its reproduction.

A memorial from the book-binders of the State to the



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Legislature of Texas protesting against the practice by the Supreme and Appellate courts of Texas of having their reports printed in St. Louis was read and the following was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the objects set forth in the memorial are such as should meet with the approval and advocacy of every Texan, and especially every Texas editor."

The following is self explanatory:

"Whereas, It has come to our attention that a certain member of this Association, but yesterday elected as such, has brought reproach upon the good name of this Association by being intoxicated during the sitting of this convention; be it

"Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to investigate and report upon the facts; be it further

"Resolved, That we denounce such conduct as being unbecoming members of this Association, and the President is hereby authorized, in case any member becomes intoxicated during the present session, to cancel said member's certificate of membership, take from him his badge, and report the same to the Association."

The resolution with the amendment, "any conduct unbecoming an editor and a gentleman," was adopted and the committee, consisting of Yandell, Milner, Roberts, Lillard and Geers, was appointed. The committee recommended the rejection of the offender as a member, and the same was adopted.

Invitations from the Houston Light Guards to witness an "exhibition" drill at the Fair Grounds at night, and from J. W. Johnson to attend a banquet at his residence, were accepted.

The treasurer, Gail B. Johnson, reported as follows:

"It will be remembered that at the last annual meeting, my report showed that no money had been paid into the treasury, owing to the indisposition on the part of the secretary, Mr. F. A. Small. That indisposition, I am compelled to state, has characterized his actions up to the present day.



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"At the last meeting at which I acted as secretary for two days, \$59.50 was collected by me for initiation fees and dues from the members then present. Since that time, and up to the meeting of April 25, 1882, I have received \$17 from applicants for membership, and \$1 as dues from Mr. J. P. Bridges of Luling, which amount, viz: \$18, had been turned over to Mr. J. W. Burson, secretary of the Association, and is now in his hands and not accounted for in this report. \* \* \* Amount collected: \$59.50; bills paid, \$27.45; returned to —, \$1; balance in the treasury, \$31.05."

The report of the secretary is as follows:

"As secretary of the Texas Press Association I have nothing to report of which I am especially proud. I do not even claim to be proud of my official record. Succeeding the first recording officer (of unsavory memory) of this Association, I had absolutely nothing with which to begin operations. There was no record of membership, no record of the first and second conventions of this Association, save the proceedings of the last day, which transpired after the present administration was inducted into office. I found myself in the midst of confusion confounded; and I confess that after efforts to bring order out of chaos, which proved unavailing, I abandoned the job. Matters in my department remained in *statu quo* until the President's call for a meeting of the executive committee, when I concluded to go before that body and deliver up all papers, documents, records, etc., (which consisted, as I have above stated, of the minutes of the proceedings of the last day of the second convention), and then retire in good order. Circumstances over which I had no control prevented the execution of this plan. I was not present at the committee, and that body proceeded to facilitate my retirement, not in good order, however, but by tossing my official head into the waste basket—temporarily.

"It is not pleasant, as a general thing, in the language of Guiteau, to be 'removed,' especially from office, but in this par-



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ticular case I flattered myself that I had got the best end of the trade and concluded to content myself.

"Later my successor, by appointment of the executive committee, Mr. Gail B. Johnson, informed me that he could not, and would not discharge the duties of secretary and requested that I take up the burden again. Like a lamb, I went to the slaughter; and here I am.

"Arriving in Houston a few days in advance of the date of meeting, it was decided, after consultation with Mr. Johnson, to have an official record transcribed from the files of the Houston Post. This was done, I am happy to state, at the expense of the Association, and the record is now ready to be delivered to my fortunate successor so soon as the minutes of the present meeting can be transcribed into the same.

"The last convention left a good deal of business for the secretary to do. First, and most important of this business, was to recover from the late secretary of the Texas Press Association, whose first name is \* \* \*, a sum of money belonging to the Association, and estimated by a special committee to amount to \$52.50. Under instructions from the President, I did all in my power to secure this amount, but have failed, so far. This subject, I will dismiss with the request that our President do this small affair justice, if such a thing is possible, in his report.

"Only a limited amount of money was invested in the printing of the constitution and by-laws, presumably for the reason that that document, in the present condition, is very lame—even imperfect. A seal for the Association has been secured, and I believe an attempt has been made to attend to all the business left to the wisdom, etc., of the secretary.

"I would respectfully suggest to the committee to which is intrusted the important duty of revising the constitution and by-laws, that it is necessary to provide for an assistant secretary; also, that the selection of this officer should be, if pos-



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sible, left to the secretary, who is, and should be, held responsible for the condition of his books, papers, etc.

"During the last meeting, and since, until the present convention assembled, there has passed through the hands of the secretary and into the hands of the treasurer the amount of \$59.50. From this must be deducted the amounts expended for the Association as will be shown by the treasurer's report.

"The roll of membership for 1880 embraced forty-seven names. On the assembling of the Association, in 1881, a committee on membership reported forty-three members in good standing. During the meeting there were added sixty-eight names, making a total of one hundred and eleven. In the opening of the present session the committee on membership reported a roll of seventy-five members in good standing. During the first day of our present session there were elected and enrolled fifty-eight new names, making our total membership at the present time one hundred and thirty-three. This shows a very happy increase in our membership.

"I would also respectfully suggest that in the future all transportation on railroads for members to and from meetings of the Association be furnished only as the secretary may indorse. This would, I think, avoid much confusion and would also simplify the secretary's work of keeping a correct membership roll, and it would also protect transportation lines.

"Up to the evening of the present session, the secretary had received from fees and dues \$98.50. Hence, it will be seen that the Association has yet enough funds on hand to keep the wolf from the door, though my illustrious predecessor  
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"For the first time in the history of the Association is there any prospect of having a record of our proceedings and of having an account opened and kept between each member and the Association.

"In conclusion I will say, although it may sound paradoxical, that the press association is in a flourishing condition.



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is perfectly solvent, and on a sound financial basis. In the little that I have accomplished as secretary I have been and am yet deeply indebted to our very worthy President and Treasurer. As suggestions are cheap, I will indulge in one more: I would suggest that when a good and efficient secretary is found, the Association would do well to continue him in office indefinitely, or until his assistant can take his place. As this is an office purely of work, and not of profit or glory, such a suggestion could be sustained without wasting any of the funds of the Association.

"At this time, April 26, 5 p. m., there are on hand about \$143.50."

(Signed) J. W. BURSON.

The report of the committee on constitution and by-laws was adopted as follows:

Article 1—This Association shall be known as the Texas Press Association.

Article 2—The objects of this Association shall be to promote the welfare of the Texas press, elevate its character, to inculcate feelings of harmony and protect its rights.

Article 3—All bona fide proprietors or editors of newspapers or periodicals published in Texas, not less frequently than once a month, except persons of African descent, shall be entitled to membership; provided, that periodicals, of whatever periodicity, published as advertising mediums, solely, shall not be considered bona fide periodicals.

Article 4—This Association shall meet once a year in convention, at such time and place as may be selected by the executive board. Extra sessions of the Association may be called through the executive board. The executive board shall meet upon the call of its chairman, at such time and place as he may designate; and the actual expenses of the members thereof shall be paid by the Association.

Article 5—The officers of this Association shall be: One president, three vice-presidents, one secretary and one as-



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sistant secretary (to be appointed by the secretary), one treasurer, and one executive committee (to be appointed by the president), composed of one member from each congressional district in the State, exclusive of the president of the Association who shall be ex-officio chairman of said committee; there shall also be chosen at each annual meeting, an orator, an essayist, and a poet, whose duties shall be to deliver and read at the next annual meeting thereafter respectively an oration, an essay, and a poem.

Article 6—The officers of this Association shall be elected at the regular meeting, take their offices just after the close of the session, and hold their respective offices for the term of one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by the executive board.

Article 7—The order of business at the regular meetings shall be as follows:

1st—Calling the roll.

2nd—Reading the minutes of the preceding meeting.

3rd—Reports of executive board, secretary and treasurer.

4th—Unfinished and new business.

5th—Reading and delivery of the annual address, essay, and poetry; also, an address by the retiring president.

6th—The election of officers for the ensuing year.

Cushing's Parliamentary Regulations shall direct the duties of the officers and govern the proceedings of this Association.

Article 8—Every member shall pay an initiation fee of one dollar, and an annual due of one dollar for the use of this Association; these two dollars to accompany each application. Any member failing to pay his dues shall be notified through the secretary of his arrears, and if not paid within ninety days of date of notice his name shall be stricken from the list of members. Such person, to regain membership, and be entitled to the benefits thereunder must make application to gain the same as a new member.



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Article 9—It shall be the duty of each member, as early as practicable before each annual meeting of the Association, to notify the secretary in the event of his withdrawal from the Association, or retirement from the printing business in the capacity contemplated by the constitution as essential to membership.

Article 10—Whenever a member ceases to be connected with the press, as contemplated in Article nine, he may, during such cessation, be an honorary member only. Honorary members shall have the right to participate in the meetings and debates, but not have the right to vote or hold office. The Association may also elect honorary members.

Article 11—At the close of each session, the president shall appoint a committee of five on membership and such other committees as the Association may require or direct.

Article 12—Amendments may be made to this constitution at any regular meeting of this Association; provided, two-thirds of the members present agree to such amendment.

### By-Laws. (April 1882).

Section 1—Editors and proprietors of newspapers, periodicals, and magazines, circulating as Texas publications, but printed entire outside the State, are not entitled to membership.

Sec. 2—All applications for membership must be signed by the applicant himself, stating if editor or proprietor; also giving name of paper and when published, and be directed to the secretary.

Sec. 3—All applications must be recommended by two members of the Association; and in case of application from editor, it must be indorsed by the proprietor of the publication on which membership is asked, and must be accompanied by the initiation fee and one year's dues.

Sec. 4—All applications shall come before the committee on membership for approval. If approved, be signed by the



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chairman of the committee; if not approved, the secretary to give notice to applicant thereof.

Sec. 5—The president shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

Sec. 6—The secretary shall notify all members of their arrearages and if, after notification in writing, payment is not made within ninety days, such member shall be stricken from the roll and not entitled to the rights and privileges of the Association.

Sec. 7—The secretary shall receive all moneys of the Association, turning same over to the treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, who shall pay the same out on order drawn by the secretary and approved by the president.

Sec. 8—It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive, receipt for and disburse all moneys of the Association upon order of the executive committee, when properly approved and countersigned; and just before the adjournment of the next annual meeting, after he shall have been elected, report to the Association the condition of the treasury, receipts and disbursements of money, etc. He shall, also, within one month from the date of his election, file with the chairman of the executive committee for his approval and transmission to the secretary, a bond of five hundred dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Sec. 9—The duties of the executive board shall be to fill all vacancies occurring among the officers; to remove such officers as fail to act, or who violate the rules of the Association; to investigate all charges; render decisions and impose penalties, as the nature of the case may demand; and perform such other duties as the Association may of them require.

Sec. 10—No member shall hold more than one elective office at one time.

Sec. 11—It shall be the duty of every member present to cast his vote on any and all questions before the meeting.



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Sec. 12—Any member wishing to resign or withdraw from the Association, shall give written notice thereof to the secretary.

Sec. 13—No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except by consent of the president; and no longer than ten minutes, except by permission of the Association.

Sec. 14—Every member shall be present at the annual session; but if detained by extraordinary circumstances, shall give notice thereof to the secretary; otherwise be subject to a fine.

Sec. 15—Any of the by-laws may be altered, amended, revised, or repealed, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the regular annual meeting.

The following officers were elected:

President—H. L. Gosling, Gastrovillle Quill;

First Vice President—W. A. Fields, Meridian Blade;

Second Vice President—Dr. W. M. Yandell, Seguin Times;

Third Vice President—W. P. Wilson, Fort Worth Democrat-Advance;

Secretary—J. W. Burson, Denison Herald-News;

Treasurer—A. W. Gifford, San Antonio Light;

Orator—Prof. T. J. Girardeau, Houston Post;

Essayist—Cary W. Styles, Galveston News;

Poetess—Mary Hunt McCaleb; Mrs. Louella Styles Vincent, alternate.

Executive Committee:

First District—J. W. Johnson, Houston Post;

Second District—L. D. Lillard, Fairfield Recorder;

Third District—D. C. Williams, Mineola Monitor-Hawkeye;

Fourth District—J. H. Davis, Mount Vernon Herald;

Fifth District—J. W. Baines, McKinney Advocate;

Sixth District—J. F. Elliott, Dallas Herald;

Seventh District—George H. Sweet, Galveston Journal;

Eighth District—J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal;

Ninth District—S. A. Fishburn, Mexia Ledger;

Tenth District—T. C. Cain, Bastrop Advertiser;

Eleventh District—W. L. Graves, Graham Leader.

The following resolution was adopted:



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"Whereas, There is no law requiring notices of sale under execution, etc., to be published;

"And Whereas, We believe that great injustice is done thereby to parties having property sold under the present system; be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that all notices of sale of real estate in the administration of our probate law, and under execution, or process from any court in this State, should be published in some newspaper published in the county from which such process may be issued, and that the secretary of this Association be requested to send a copy of this resolution to the Senate and House of Representatives of our State Legislature."

It was ordered that two hundred and fifty "pamphlets" containing the proceedings of the three annual conventions of the Association, and the newly adopted constitution and by-laws be printed. (This appears to have been done, as we find that at the fourth annual convention the reading of the minutes of the preceding annual convention was dispensed with, the reason being given that "a printed copy of the minutes had been furnished each member, and that a sufficient number of copies were on hand to supply all new members with the printed proceedings." However, the writer has not been able as yet to find one or find any one who has one.)

The following communication was received:

"Paris, Lamar County, Texas, March 31, 1882.

"Members of the Texas Press Association:

"Gentlemen: Realizing the vast importance of the press as a powerful motor in the great temperance reform now sweeping over the land, I appeal most respectfully and anxiously to you, individually and collectively, to aid us as much as you may possibly be able in the general dissemination of the great truths connected therewith.

"As an active agent of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, it becomes my chief duty to interest every human



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being, if I can, and especially to co-operate, if I may, with every editor in the land in the diffusion of the valuable truths of the temperance cause, and to secure, if possible, some space in every paper to be devoted to the interest of our Woman's Christian Temperance Union. I know you will not let me appeal in vain.

"A convention of delegates from every local Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Texas, and all other temperance orders who will send them, will be held in Paris the second Tuesday in May, for the purpose of forming a State Union. Will you each, please, publish this when you return home, and influence as many to attend as you can? By so doing, you may accomplish much good for yourselves and the general cause of humanity.

Respectfully,  
MRS. MARY S. HATHAWAY,  
State organizer W. C. T. U. for Texas."

The committee, consisting of Miller, Nation and Abey, to whom the above communication was referred, submitted the following reply, which was adopted:

"We, your committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Mrs. Mary S. Hathaway, representing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Texas, have considered the same, but the limited time allotted to us did not admit of general discussion. We, therefore, submit the following report:

"Whereas, We believe it is a duty every human being owes to himself for its individual effects, and because of the example for others to be temperate in all things; be it

"Resolved, That the press of Texas, in convention assembled, pledges itself to the earnest advocacy of the cause of true temperance, and will use its efforts to the propagation of temperance principles.

"Resolved, That we will, at all times, when it is required as an item of news, give the Women's Christian Temperance Union so much space as may be necessary for the publication



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of their notices of meetings, etc., but that each editor reserves to himself the right to advocate the cause of temperance in such manner as shall seem to him the best, for we do not believe that it is within our province to dictate to the press of the State any particular line for the conduct of their respective papers.

(Signed) G. P. MILLER, Chairman."

Colonel Carey W. Styles of the Galveston News offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That this Association greets the press of the Republic of Mexico and recognizes the visit of Senor Alphonso La Grange, editor of *La Revista* of Monterey, as a gratifying evidence of the opening of fraternal relations between the journals of the two Republics and as a harbinger of closer social, journalistic, and commercial intercourse.

"Resolved, That the proposed reciprocity treaty is a measure of the greatest importance to the two countries, and is urged as a policy to promote international relations of unity and perpetuate the peace, prosperity and development of both Nations."

Dallas was selected as the next place of meeting and the selection of the date of that meeting was left to the President.

The excursion this year was to California, and the President was given a vote of thanks for having secured free transportation to and from that State for the members of the Association. The itinerary is said to have been a most delightful one, and those who fortunately participated are still fond of recounting the pleasures of the trip.



## Fourth Annual Convention—1883

THE fourth annual convention was held in the Board of Trade Rooms in the City of Dallas, beginning on the 15th day of May, 1883, with President Hal L. Gosling of the Castroville Quill presiding. W. Alex Abey of the Longview Democrat was secretary, succeeding J. W. Burson, who had resigned.

On the call of the roll the following members responded to their names:

F. D. Allen, Galveston Visitor; F. P. Alexander, Greenville Herald; C. F. Alterman, Dallas Volksblatt; W. Alex Abey, Longview Democrat; J. E. Cooper, Georgetown Sun; L. W. Clark, Bryan Pilot; Chas. Culmore, Houston German Post; T. J. Crooks, Denison Herald-News; W. C. Hill, Bellville Times; E. W. Harris, Henderson News; J. W. Johnson, Mt. Pleasant News; I. H. Julian, San Marcos Free-Press; H. C. Jones, Dallas Union; C. A. Keasler, Linden Sun; L. D. Lillard, Fairfield Recorder; E. G. Rust, Dallas Mercury; A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle; E. L. Wepf, Terrell Times; Byron Drew, Kaufman Sun; J. A. Davis, Mt. Vernon Herald; J. M. Fletcher, Atlanta Journal; S. A. Fishburn, Mexia Ledger; C. E. Gilbert, Abilene Reporter; J. W. Gollledge, Hillsboro Mirror; L. M. Green, Tyler Courier; Nat Q. Henderson, Georgetown Record; J. P. Maddox, Navasota Tablet; R. T. Milner, Henderson Times; J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner; J. G. O'Brien, Dublin Enterprise; P. D. Rust, McGregor Plaindealer; F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; J. G. W. Woods, Mt. Pleasant News; E. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise; S. M. Carleton, Ennis Review; J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal; Wm. Bamberg, Houston Printer; Tom W. Bowers, Carthage Watchman; A. L. Cashell, Kyle Nutshell; J. B. Cranfield, Gatesville Advance; J. M. Connor, Daingerfield Herald; E. C. Huckabee, Waxahachie Mirror; H. V. Hamilton, Tyler Democrat; E. C. Hunter, Sherman Democrat; J. W. Johnson, Houston Post; J. P. Jones, Dallas Planter; J. C. Jones, Pilot Point Post; R. G. Luse, Cisco Round-Up; John Levin, Brenham Banner; J. C. Son, Albany Star; E. S. Terry, Wills Point Pointer; J. T. Walker, Terrell Star; O. W. Dodson, Henderson News; J. T. Elliott, Dallas Herald; W. A. Fields, Meridian Blade; H. L. Gosling, Castroville Quill; T. J. Girardeau, Houston Post; A. W. Gifford, San Antonio Light; R. L. Hayes, Winnsboro Sentinel; W. R. Lotz, Baird Clarendon; L. S. McPherson, Sherman Democrat; C. P. Pilgrim, Gonzales Inquirer; J. S. Penn, Laredo Times; R. J. Ridgell, Athens Narrow Gauge; A. W. Reilly, Wills Point Chronicle; D. C. Williams, Mineola Monitor; W. M. Yandell, Seguin Times.

The reading of the minutes of the last convention was dispensed with, it being explained that a printed copy of the minutes had been furnished each member and that a sufficient number of copies were on hand to supply all new members.

The committee on membership reported the following



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entitled to membership, and they were accordingly elected :

W. P. Gaines, *Austin Statesman*; F. V. Ende, *Greenville Herald*; W. N. Norton, *Dallas Union Intelligencer*; W. D. Cox, *Temple Times*; M. Timmerman, *Weatherford Sun*; W. P. Shelton, *Cisco Press*; W. G. Sterett, *Dallas Times*; J. C. Bayne, *Mineola Hawkeye*; W. S. McCurley, *Canton Texan*; Max Urwitz, *Victoria Deutsche Zeitung*; Eugene Duncan, *Estray Record*; James Kibbee, *Tom Green Times*; Ed Williams, *Corpus Christi Caller*; L. J. Wortham, *Jefferson Wide Awake*; W. L. Warlick, *Quitman News*; D. Rock, *Woodville Eureka*; M. Carleton, *Ennis Review*; Abner Eubanks, *Mexia Ledger*; P. S. Pfouts, *Dallas Herald*; M. Byrne, *Denison Post*; R. Wilson, *Center Champion*; Sam Houston Dixon, *Austin News*; R. E. Yantis, *Wills Point Local Chronicle*; C. M. Wilmeth, *Dallas Christian Preacher*; K. Bradley, *Farmersville North Texas Mercury*; H. B. Sullivan, *Farmersville North Texas Mercury*; O. P. McLean, *Bowis Cross Timbers*; Jno. Laing, *San Augustine Herald*; R. S. Kimbough, *Mesquite Mesquiter*; A. S. Mercer, *Henrietta Shield*; L. M. Coleman, *Dallas Texas Baptist*; Jas. Williams, *Denton Chronicle*; G. C. Deming, *Palestine Advocate*; J. L. Terry, *Longview New Era*; J. W. Putnam, *Ft. Worth Stock Journal*; Julius Schuze, *Austin Wochenblatt*; J. B. Johnson, *San Antonio Light*; Mrs. Maggie Rust, *Dallas Sunday Mercury*; M. H. Custer, *Delta Co. Banner* (Cooper); O. Rice, *Emory Argus*; L. L. Beach, *Columbus Free Politician*; W. H. Graves, *Cleburne*; M. Tate, *Sulphur Springs Echo*; J. R. Hart, *Gilmer Mirror*; W. L. Hall, *Dallas Herald*; S. A. Black, *Kingston Beacon*; W. T. Gass, *Bonham Advocate*; Jno. H. Hutchison, *Morgan Argonaut*; A. B. Norton, *Dallas Union Intelligencer*; C. D. Davis, *Western Texan*; L. T. Davis, *Western Texan*; J. M. Shumate, *Round Rock Quid Nunc*; Alex Wynne, *Beaumont Enterprise*; H. A. Halbert, *Corsicana Observer*; J. Caspary, *Mineola Hawkeye*; L. Gibbs, *Abilene Magnetic Quill*; F. N. Oliver, *Lewisville Headlight*; A. S. Wilkins, *Texas Journal of Education*; B. M. Vanderhurst, *Carthage Watchman*; Josephine Culmore, *Houston Girls Own Paper*; E. H. Harris, *Pittsburg Express*; B. C. Murray, *Denison Gazetteer*; A. B. Pearson, *Denison Herald-News*; C. M. Hubby, *Waco Examiner*; H. Smythe, *Weatherford Times*; J. W. Booth, *Decatur Tribune*; Thos. E. Bomar, *McKinney Black Waxey*; Chas. Culmore, *Houston German Post*; John Guthrie, *Bandera Bugle*; G. O. Hunter, *Sherman Democrat*; A. F. Beddo, *Dallas Texas Baptist*; J. W. Fleming, *Ft. Worth Age of Progress*.

In responding to the generous words of welcome of Major John F. Elliott and Mayor Cabell, President Gosling took occasion to give in brief a history of the organization, the causes which led to its formation (It is a cause of regret that his words were not made a matter of record), the evils it had corrected in the press of the State, and its influence in bringing about a warmer and more generous feeling between the press and the people. Wherever the Association met, he said, it made no enemies but, on the contrary, a host of friends. It was bringing the journalists of the various sections of the State more closely together, their hearts were becoming cemented in brotherly love and friendship,



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and in this way sectionalism was, to a great extent, being destroyed.

The president announced to the Association that the members had been invited to attend the concerts of the Saengerfest and would be furnished with badges and tickets to these concerts and with meal tickets good at the Grand Windsor, St. George, and Kent hotels and at the Delmonico and Apollo restaurants; and that the Association had been tendered a ball by the young gentlemen of Dallas, to take place at Mayer's Hall. Votes of thanks were extended for these courtesies and to Colonel Keller for the freedom of his street car lines.

The secretary was instructed to have printed two hundred copies of the proceedings of the meeting, with a list of all members, their place of residence, and names of their respective papers, a copy to be forwarded each member, and the cost of printing same to be determined by the secretary and the printer.

The following resolution was adopted:

"That a standing committee of five members be appointed annually, to constitute a committee on obituaries, whose duty it shall be to report to the Association annually the name of every member who has died during the year, together with suitable resolutions of their death."

Secretary Abey submitted the following:

"A report from the secretary, at the annual meeting of the Association, is one of the requirements of the constitution. In submitting a report, necessarily incomplete, sufficient explanation is offered by the date of the appointment of the present incumbent, March 20th of this year. The appointment was made previously, but as the action of the President was approved at the called meeting of the executive committee, at Austin, no official action was taken by the secretary until after the mentioned date. No money was



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received from President Gosling to whom the late secretary returned the property of the Association.

"Since March 20th, the secretary has received from membership dues \$152.75; from initiation fees, \$65.00; total, \$217.75. Disbursed for sundry expenses, \$22.36; for printing proceedings, by order of the Association, \$82.00; total, \$104.36. This leaves a balance of \$113.39, which has been paid over to the treasurer. As the 'sundry expenses,' telegrams, printing cards, and notices, expressage, postage, etc., are generally unaccompanied by receipts, an auditing committee is asked for.

"The membership, at the date of the adjournment at Houston last year, was 110; admitted this year, 62; honorary members, 2; total, 174; stricken from roll 42; leaving a net membership of 132.

"The books of the Association are not in perfect condition, and it may be that errors have been made in collecting dues; but as the secretary has had but little to guide him, he disclaims any responsibility for the errors. In several instances members have paid dues or fees and have received no credit in the late secretary's statement. In these cases the statements of the members as to the payment have, of course, been taken and the settlement effected in that way."

The resolution to provide for prize essays to be submitted by members of the Association failed to carry.

The proposition to make the wives and daughters of all members honorary members of the Association provoked much discussion, but was ruled out of order. However, "the ladies were respectfully and cordially invited to attend all meetings of the Association" and were assured that they would always be welcome.

A tribute to the memory of the late J. W. Fishburn, first president of the Association, was submitted, but its consideration was postponed until the memorial services which had been provided for, at which time suitable resolu-



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tions were adopted and a touching address on the life and character of our deceased past-president was made by Colonel John F. Elliott of the Dallas Herald.

An effort was made to amend the constitution so as to read that "All bona fide publishers and editors of newspapers and periodicals, published not less frequently than once a month (except persons of African descent), shall be eligible to membership; provided, that only managing editors and publishers are eligible, who are practical newspaper men, and are actively engaged in the pursuit as a business, or profession; provided, that periodicals, of whatever periodicity, published solely as advertising mediums, shall not be considered publications; provided, further, that the editor and publisher of a leased paper, and not owner of the office, is eligible to membership." An amendment was offered, as follows: "Provided, That no newspaper, periodical, magazine, or publishing company, represented in this Association, shall be entitled to more than one vote upon any question before the Association." The resolution and the amendment were both tabled.

It was provided that a committee of five be appointed to report to the Association subjects for addresses, relating to the interests of the press, to be delivered at the next annual convention, by members to be appointed by the president, said addresses not to consume more than ten minutes each.

It was suggested that at every annual meeting five subjects for prize essays, to be competed for by all members of the Association, be designated, the merits of the essays to be passed upon by a committee and the prizes awarded. The subject did not appear to meet approval.

The committee to whom was submitted the proposed amendment to the constitution admitting as members of the Association editors and publishers in the Indian Territory made the following report which was adopted:



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"While we have no feeling of unfriendliness against the editors and publishers in said Territory, we believe that to admit them into our Association would necessarily destroy its individuality as a 'Texas Press Association,' and by increasing our complications, which in time would perhaps injure the harmony and stability of our Association. We, therefore, recommend that said proposed amendment be not adopted."

An amendment to the constitution, to make article four of that instrument read as follows, was adopted:

"This Association shall meet once a year in convention, in such place as may be selected by a majority of the members present, on the second day of each annual meeting; provided, that the time of said meeting be fixed subsequently by the executive committee."

Regarding the forthcoming excursion to Monterey, Mexico, President Gosling stated that the start would be from Dallas at 12 o'clock, Friday night, May 18, on a special train consisting of Pullman sleepers; that the run would be over the Texas and Pacific to Fort Worth, leaving that city at 5 o'clock, Saturday morning, taking breakfast at Hillsboro, dinner at Taylor, and supper at Austin as guests of Governor John Ireland; that the excursion would arrive at Laredo, Sunday morning, and take breakfast with Governor Hunt at the coal mines, and then proceed to Monterey, spending Monday and Monday night in that city; that sleepers had been engaged, and that each member would be required to pay his pro rata—about \$6.50—before starting. Only members of the Association were permitted the privileges of the excursion.

A vote of thanks was given the city of Weatherford for the offer to raise \$5,000 to entertain the Association, and her magnanimity in withdrawing in favor of Dallas as the next place of meeting.



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J. F. Mitchell of the Greenville Banner offered the following:

"Whereas, The newspaper business is a legitimate calling, in which we work for pay; and whereas, we deplore the existence of dead-heads who systematically prey upon the press, and realize that in protecting ourselves from said class of persons we should be careful to avoid any appearance of practicing the thing we so much deplore in others; therefore,

"Be it resolved:

"First—That the ordinary courtesies usually extended by Texas cities to public meetings of this kind will always be accepted in good spirit and be highly appreciated.

"Second—That we are deeply and truly thankful to our god-mother, Houston, and to the city of Dallas, for their extraordinary favors shown us, and that we will ever remember their generosity with heart-felt gratitude.

"Third—That we feel it would be expecting too much to stand in the attitude of inviting like extraordinary favors from these, or other cities in the future; and that it is the sense of this body that it would be more business-like and commendable in the Texas Press Association, and would better establish in the minds of the people the fact that newspapers are business enterprises, earning and spending money like any other legitimate business, if on future occasions at annual meetings, no favors in the way of free hotel fare for the time of entire sessions be expected.

"Fourth—That our sole object in making these resolutions is to relieve our Association of even the semblance of desiring extra favors or extra generosity from the cities of Texas, such as has been so generously extended us in the past, and on the occasion of our present meeting, and such as other cities would feel invited to extend in the absence of these resolutions."



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The committee to which these resolutions were referred reported as follows:

"We beg leave to report that while we entirely concur in the sentiment of the preamble and resolutions, yet we are of opinion that under existing circumstances the adoption of the resolutions is not necessary."

H. Smythe of the Weatherford Times offered the following:

"Whereas, A growing evil, oppressive to a large number of our fellow citizens in the State of Texas, demonstrates the necessity for protection to the debtor class of mankind; and

"Whereas, Justice demands, and equity and sound reason require that our laws should build up and not destroy any portion of our fellow men; and

"Whereas, Our efforts should be to break up and discountenance all 'rings' formed to rob the poor and unfortunate; and

"Whereas, Every State in the American Union, save Texas, has upon its statute books a law requiring all legal sales to be advertised; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the members of the Texas Press Association, here assembled, pledge ourselves to use all legitimate efforts to have a law enacted by the present legislature compelling all sheriffs, constables, and administrators, to advertise every and all legal sales in a daily or weekly paper of the respective counties of the State of Texas."

The resolution was amended by striking out the words, "here assembled pledge ourselves to," and was then referred to a committee which was instructed to report thereon at the next annual meeting. Later in the day, however, the following was offered and adopted:

"That the committee this day appointed to act on the resolution offered by H. Smythe of the Weatherford Times be requested to prepare and have presented to the next



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session of the legislature a bill embodying the views and ideas of the Association on the subject of having notices of all sales of real estate made by sheriff, constable, and administrator, published in some newspaper published in the county in which such real estate is situated."

Another effort was made to amend the constitution in regard to who were and who were not entitled to membership in the Association, as follows:

"All bona fide publishers and editors of newspapers and periodicals published in this State not less frequently than once a month, except persons of African descent, shall be entitled to membership; provided, that by publishers and editors is meant those engaged in the pursuit as a business or profession, and that the publisher of a leased paper—and not owner—is eligible to membership." An amendment was offered which declared that "persons who have leased or otherwise lost control of their papers are not considered eligible to membership." After debate, the whole matter was laid on the table.

Dallas was elected as the next place of meeting over Austin and Houston.

The following officers were elected:

President—W. M. Yandell, Seguin Times;  
First Vice President—W. A. Fields, Meridian Blade;  
Second Vice President—J. F. Elliott, Dallas Herald;  
Third Vice President—J. W. Booth, Decatur Tribune;  
Treasurer—A. W. Gifford, San Antonio Light;  
Secretary—W. Alex Abey, Longview Democrat;  
Orator—Hal Gosling, Castroville Quill;  
Poetess—Miss A. W. K. Painter, San Antonio;  
Essayist—J. T. Elliott, Dallas Herald.

The annual poem, "An Address to the Texas Press Association," was read by Miss A. W. K. Painter of San Antonio.

The annual oration was delivered by T. J. Girardeau of the Houston Post.



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The Treasurer's report showed:

Received from former secretary, J. W. Burson-----	\$ 67.45
Received from present secretary-----	113.70
Paid for printing and telegrams-----	\$17.70
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Balance in treasury-----	\$163.25



## Fifth Annual Convention—1884

THE fifth annual convention was held in Meyer Hall in the city of Dallas, and was called to order on May 5, 1884, by Judge A. B. Norton, president of the local press club. Mayor Cabell delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city, which was responded to by President W. M. Yandell.

On call of the roll, the following members responded:

W. Alex Abey, T. E. Bomar, J. B. Cranfill, J. F. Elliott, A. W. Gifford, Frank Gaston, W. L. Gibbs, W. L. Hall, H. H. Halbert, L. D. Lillard, T. P. Maddox, J. M. Moore, W. M. Norton, A. B. Norton, David Nation, O. O. Nation, J. G. Rankin, R. D. Rust; E. G. Rust; W. M. Timmerman; E. S. Terry, S. M. Vernon, E. F. Yeager, B. M. Vanderhurst; Mrs. C. M. Winkler, J. C. Bayne, S. M. Carleton, C. E. Gilbert, L. M. Green, Nat Q. Henderson, E. C. Huckabee, W. C. Hill, H. V. Hamilton, J. H. Julian, J. P. Jones, H. C. Jones, Mrs. L. S. McPherson, W. S. McCurley, J. G. O'Brien, C. J. Pilgrim, P. S. Pfouts, J. W. Putnam, E. G. Senter, A. C. Scurlock, W. G. Sterett, J. U. Shumate, D. C. Williams, J. H. Wofford, W. M. Yandell.

The committee on membership reported the following applicants, all of whom were elected:

J. M. Shafer, Cisco Telegraph; F. E. Larimer, Cisco Round-Up; A. J. Caruthers, Llano Rural; W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger; George W. Jenks, Stephenville Empire; O. B. Colquitt, Pittsburg Gazette; J. M. Donoghue, Temple Tribune; Henry Ryder Taylor, Merchant and Manufacturer, San Antonio; J. E. Elgin; H. M. Walker, Cisco Telegraph; W. H. Neill, Hamilton Times; E. Y. Davis, Greenville Herald; Wm. Ferguson, San Antonio Times; Orrin Robertson, McKinney Democrat; N. G. Fowler, Roanoke Clipper; J. F. Riggs, Marshall South; O. T. Carswell, Panola Watchman; T. M. Wadsworth, Springtown Pilot; Carey W. Styles, Austin Capital; H. F. Collier, Wills Point Local Chronicle; J. P. Leslie, Van Alstyne Enterprise; Deed A. Mayer, Albany News; W. W. West, New Boston Herald; W. E. Brown, Gatesville Sun; G. W. Akard, Springtown Pilot; Penrose N. Ions, San Angelo Times-Enterprise; H. C. Townsend, Colorado Clipper; W. L. Malone, Fort Worth Gazette; R. C. Buckner, Dallas Good Samaritan; A. G. Dotson, Planter and Farmer; W. P. Wilson, Fort Worth Democrat.

The constitution was so amended that "bona fide professional journalists on active duty" might be elected to membership in the Association.

Governor John Ireland was thanked for having appointed Colonel J. T. Elliott of the Dallas Herald chief com-



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missioner from Texas to the World's Exposition, and J. W. Booth of the Decatur Tribune and C. E. Gilbert of the Abilene Reporter as assistant commissioners.

The committee to which was referred the question of legal advertising, coming over from the last annual meeting, submitted the following which was adopted:

"That we deem it expedient and proper to use all legitimate means to induce the legislature to enact a law, similar to the statutes of other States, making it obligatory upon all sheriffs, constables, administrators, and others having charge of legal matters requiring publicity by 'posted notices,' to advertise all and every sale and other legal notices in a daily or weekly paper in the respective counties of the State of Texas."

L. L. Foster of the Limestone New Era nominated Colonel J. F. Elliott of the Dallas Herald for president and moved his election by acclamation, but that gentleman begged to decline on the plea that he would probably be absent a whole year in New Orleans as commissioner to the Exposition. W. L. Hall was then elected unanimously.

Following is the roster of officers elected:

President—W. L. Hall, Dallas Herald;

First Vice President—E. Y. Davis, Greenville Herald;

Second Vice President—H. V. Hamilton, Tyler Democrat and Reporter;

Third Vice President—J. W. Booth, Decatur Tribune;

Orator—J. H. Davis, Mount Vernon Herald;

Poetess—Miss May Guilot, Dallas;

Essayist—Judge A. B. Norton, Norton's Union Intelligencer, Dallas.

Austin was elected by acclamation, after Houston, Denison and Weatherford had been placed in nomination, for the next place of meeting; but on its being stated that the city council of that city had failed to extend the hospitalities of the capital city to the Association, the election was reconsidered and annulled and Galveston was elected "over two



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or three other applicants for the honor of entertaining the Association."

The excursion this year was to Houston. President Yandell told of the arrangements made: That the members would leave in a special car and sleeper attached to the regular train; would be in Houston Thursday and Friday, and then would probably go to Galveston if the members should so desire and arrangements could be made. He had made application to the railway between El Paso and the City of Mexico, with reference to an excursion in that direction, but had been informed that the best that could be done was to carry the party on half rates. He also added that he had intended to arrange for an excursion to the East but that Mr. McCullough had offered a trip to New Orleans this fall, and that would perhaps be preferred.

Colonel J. F. Elliott of the Dallas Herald read an essay on "The Amenities of Journalism;" and Miss Awana K. Painter of San Antonio read an original poem, entitled "The Massacre La Purissima."



## Sixth Annual Convention—1885

THE sixth annual convention was held in the city of Galveston, February 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1885, and was called to order by President W. L. Hall in the C. L. Holmes Hall.

President Hall announced the presence of Hon. Carl Schurz whom he introduced to the Association; and who was elected an honorary member instanter.

Addresses of welcome were made by Mayor Fulton on behalf of the city, and by Hon. Seth Shepard on behalf of the citizens, and were responded to by President Hall.

C. W. Geers of the Denton Monitor was elected sergeant-at-arms.

The following by Mr. Lillard of the Fairfield Recorder was adopted:

"Whereas, It is intimated that a bill is to be offered in the legislature of this State looking to the licensing of gambling houses as a means of regulating and restraining this great vice, thereby making it lawful for persons to pursue said occupation; be it

"Resolved, That in the sense of this Association such a law would be subversive of good morals and would tend to exercise a pernicious influence on the minds and actions of the youth of the State, and as such we earnestly ask our legislature to pass no such law, but to, on the contrary, make gambling a felony."

The report of secretary Gilbert showed that \$28 had been received for initiation fees and \$74 for dues, making a total of \$102; and that he had paid out for printing the minutes (25 pages at \$1.35 a page), stamps, postal cards, telegrams for passes, excursions, etc., and certificates of membership, the sum of \$48.70; leaving a balance of \$53.30 in the treasury.



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The following officers were elected:

President—T. J. Girardeau, Houston Journal;

First Vice President—J. H. Davis, Mount Vernon Herald;

Second Vice President—H. V. Hamilton, Tyler Democrat and Reporter;

Third Vice President—Wm. Ferguson, San Antonio Times;

Secretary—C. E. Gilbert, Abilene Reporter;

Treasurer—L. D. Lillard, Fairfield Recorder.

Executive Committee:

First District—Luther W. Clark, Bryan Pilot;

Second District—L. D. Lillard, Fairfield Recorder;

Third District—W. T. S. Keller, Marshall Messenger;

Fourth District—T. M. Bowers, Paris Free Tongue;

Fifth District—B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer;

Sixth District—W. L. Hall, Dallas Herald;

Seventh District—W. A. Shaw, Galveston Texas Farmer;

Eighth District—J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal;

Ninth District—S. A. Fishburn, Mexia Ledger;

Tenth District—J. E. Cooper, Georgetown Sun;

Eleventh District—J. B. Cranfill, Gatesville Advance.

L. M. Green, L. W. Clark, A. C. Scurlock, J. S. Penn, and E. C. Townsend were appointed a committee on the revision of the constitution and correction of the by-laws with instructions to report at this meeting. But no report appears to have been made.

The following by F. B. Robinson was adopted:

“That the constitution be so amended as to require the treasurer, instead of the secretary, to keep accounts with members and receive annual dues.”

(The minutes of this meeting are in such shape that it is impossible to tell what was done. The pages of odd numbers are in evidence, but the even numbered pages are absent. The minutes were kept by pasting the leaves from the printed proceedings but the job it seems was only half completed).

The excursion this year was to New Orleans and San Antonio was selected as the next place of meeting.



## Seventh Annual Convention—1886

THE seventh annual convention was called to order by Acting President J. H. Davis of the Mount Vernon Herald, in the city of San Antonio, on the 18th day of May, 1886.

The address of welcome on behalf of the city was by Mayor Bryan Callaghan. It was responded to on behalf of the Association by Acting President Davis.

The following communication was read:

“Office of Wells Fargo & Co.,  
and Texas Express Co.

San Antonio, Texas, May 17, 1886.

J. H. Davis, Esqr., President Texas Press Association:

Dear Sir:

Allow me to tender the services of the above named Express Cos. to your Association, free of charge. Should you, while visiting this city, desire to ship any packages, baggage, etc., please call at our office and we will give you prompt attention.

Yours truly,

J. M. NIXON, Agent.”

Mr. J. E. Wallis of Galveston wrote:

“It is with pleasure I remember the last meeting of your Association in this city, and I speak now on behalf of Mrs. Wallis and myself. Should your Association select Galveston as the place to hold your next annual meeting, we will claim the privilege of giving you an entertainment at our residence, same as we had the pleasure of doing at your meeting here last year.”

The Y. M. C. A. offered the use of their rooms and extended an invitation to the Association to attend a public Y. M. C. A. reception to be held for the business men of San Antonio.



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The manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company wrote Frank Grice of the San Antonio Express:

"Please present my compliments to the press people when they arrive and say to them that I will send for them, free, messages of strictly a social or domestic nature."

W. H. Winfield, Southwestern Passenger Agent of the "Wabash," St. Louis & Pacific Railway Company, wrote:

"I have much pleasure in being authorized to tender the 'Texas Press Association the courtesies of the 'Great Wabash Route' from St. Louis to Chicago and return, and trust you will find to the excursionists' interest to elect our line. If you occupy sleepers, they will be paid for by you and you can arrange with the Missouri Pacific to run Pullmans through to Chicago, or only St. Louis, and there take the New York Central sleepers which run on our line and are models of elegance and comfort. Please answer by return mail and advise us when you will give definite reply, that we may make necessary arrangements for the trip, also, for sleeping car from St. Louis to Chicago if so desired."

The following committees were announced:

Applications for Membership—L. L. Foster, A. C. Scurlock, T. P. Maddox, A. W. Gifford, J. E. Cooper.

Resolutions—Wm. Ferguson, J. B. Cranfill, T. D. Rock

Revision of Roll—J. P. Bridges, T. B. Johnson, J. P. Leslie, H. C. Townsend.

The following applicants for membership were elected:

F. H. Gaines, Greenville Appeal; N. B. Morris, Henderson Times; Enoch Breeding, Rockdale Messenger; Percy Darwin, Whitesboro News; J. A. Stephens, Burnett Bulletin; J. P. Newcomb, San Antonio Evening Paper; E. G. Senter, Fort Worth Gazette; Peyton Browns, Austin Statesman; Jno. M. Heidt, Alamo and San Jacinto Monthly; T. W. Carr, Bulletin Board; J. C. Crisp, Uvalde News; C. M. Russell, Milam County Democrat; G. P. Miller, Corsicana Observer; S. J. Saunders, Grimes County News; R. M. Johnston, Houston Post; George M. Martin, Pleasanton Monitor; Calvin Satterfield, Austin Statesman; S. R. Whitley, Overton Sharpshooter; Henry Muller, Texas Volksblatt; Chas. M. Barnes, San Antonio Express; A. S. Whitehead, Pilot Point Index; H. P. Simonds, Cleburne Telegram; O. Paget, Corsicana Courier; Granville McPherson, Blanco Star-Vindicator; L. B. Russell, Comanche Town and Country; John Hoeny, Weatherford Sun; W. E. Blythe, Mount Pleasant



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News; Willie Spruance, Arlington World; J. E. Ellis, Paris News; Richard Flood, Winnsboro Sentinel; H. C. Thompson, Floresville Chronicle; Edwin E. Overall, Jefferson News; Miss Virginia Gordon Rock, Woodville Eureka; J. T. Crooks, Medina County News; R. R. Claridge, Texas Stockman; W. T. Chinn, Dallas Herald; J. M. Gibson, Mineral Wells Herald; P. H. Tansy, San Antonio Times; C. S. Phillips, Beeville Bee; W. C. Bowen, Cotulla Ledger; Miss Lottie Lyons, Del Rio Dot; F. P. Holland, Texas Farm & Ranch; M. H. Clayton, Dallas Herald; W. P. Caruthers, Corpus Christi Caller; W. N. Parks, Medina County News; Mark A. Brown, Colorado Clipper; C. B. Wandolhr, Sherman Courier; H. W. Spear, Blanco News; F. K. Nance, Farmersville Times.

B. F. Yoakum, "Traffic Manager," extended the following invitation:

"In behalf of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway, I take pleasure in inviting your Association to take an excursion to Floresville and return. If acceptable, our train will be at your service tomorrow, Thursday, at our depot on South Flores street, at one o'clock p. m."

A verbal report of the action of the committee on amendment of the libel law was made; and Dr. W. M. Yandell also explained why the State Senate of the Nineteenth Legislature refused to pass a law as recommended by the Association through their committee. The matter was referred back to the committee for their further consideration. The matter of advertising sheriff's sales, etc., was referred to the same committee.

Fort Worth was elected as the next place of meeting over Corsicana and Dallas. An appeal was received from the Alamo Monumental Association asking the indorsement and influence of the Texas Press Association. Sympathy with the movement was expressed and support promised. A memorial meeting in memory of former President Hal L. Gosling was held at which eulogistic addresses were made by several members and appropriate resolutions adopted.

A communication was received from R. M. Roberts, of "The Indian Journal" of Muskogee, Indian Territory, recalling the pleasant time he had enjoyed with Texas editors on an excursion to Cincinnati and asking if the rules could not be so changed that he could become a member;



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or failing, if it could not be so arranged that he could join the excursion to Chicago; or, if that could not be done, he asked to be notified when the excursion would pass through his town as he wished to meet again the friends he made on the Cincinnati trip.

The following responded to roll call:

J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal; J. B. Cranfill, Gatesville Sun; Chas. Culmore, Girl's National Reformer; R. M. Collins, Decatur Post; J. H. Davis, Franklin Herald; Wm. Ferguson, San Antonio Times; C. A. Kessler, Linden Sun; L. D. Lillard, Fairfield Recorder; J. M. Moore, Cameron Herald; A. B. Norton, Dallas Intelligencer; T. D. Rock, Woodville Eureka; A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle; S. M. Vernon, Comanche Chief; W. L. Winter, San Antonio Light; John G. Rankin, Brenham Banner; H. C. Townsend, Colorado Clipper; J. E. Cooper, Georgetown Sun; L. L. Foster, Groesbeck New Era; C. E. Gilbert, Abilene Reporter; Frank Grice, San Antonio Express; A. W. Gifford, San Antonio Light; T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; J. P. Leslie, Van Alstyne Enterprise; T. P. Maddox, Navasota Tablet; O. O. Nation, Brazoria Independent; F. N. Oliver, Lewisville Headlight; Henry Ryder-Taylor, San Antonio Merchant and Manufacturer; W. M. Timmerman, Arlington World; W. M. Yandell, Seguin Times; E. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise; F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item.

Hon. Hamilton Stewart, lovingly called "Old State Press" of the Galveston News, "made some appropriate and interesting remarks on the State press."

L. D. Lillard offered the following which, after extended discussion, was lost by a vote of 18 to 17:

"Whereas, the Texas Press Association is, to a great measure, misunderstood and misrepresented as to being a drinking and semi-dissipated body at its annual meetings; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That in all kindly regard for the feelings of the Local Committee of Arrangements, we ask them to please omit from the programme of this evening the visit to the Lone Star Brewery."

T. P. Maddox of the Navasota Tablet was appointed temporary sergeant-at-arms to notify new members of their election and escort them to seats in the hall.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—L. L. Foster, Groesbeck New Era;

First Vice President—Wm. Ferguson, San Antonio Times;

Second Vice President—A. B. Norton, Dallas Intelligencer;



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Third Vice President—E. G. Senter, Fort Worth Gazette;  
Secretary—J. B. Cranfill, Gatesville Sun;  
Treasurer—Tom B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;  
Orator—R. M. Johnston, Houston Post;  
Essayist—Enoch Breeding, Rockdale Messenger;  
Poetess—Miss Lottie Lyons, Del Rio Dot.

The secretary reported having collected and paid over to the treasurer the sum of \$159.30; and an expense account of \$10.60. He reported: Members session of 1885, 193; honorary members, 3; admitted this session, 196; making a total of 392. There were suspended for disqualifications, 46; leaving a membership of 346. The treasurer reported receipts at \$221.30, and disbursements \$214.35, leaving a balance of \$6.65 on hand.

Judge A. B. Norton read the annual essay, the subject being "History of Journalism in our Nation and State," which was ordered incorporated in the minutes and is a valuable contribution, covering as it does the history of Texas newspapers from the first paper printed in Texas to the date of its reading. The annual oration was by L. L. Foster of the Groesbeck New Era.

Tom B. Johnson of the San Antonio Light offered the following which was referred to the committee on resolutions, but no report thereon from that committee appears in the minutes:

"Whereas, It is not within the province of the Texas Press Association to regulate, dictate to, or in any way abridge the individual rights and opinions of its members in matters of politics, religion or temperance, therefore be it

"Resolved, That no motion or resolution referring to same shall be entertained by the Association when in convention assembled, and all discussion or reference thereto shall be strictly prohibited."

The excursion this year was to St. Louis and Chicago.



## Eighth Annual Convention—1887

THE eighth annual convention was held in the city of Fort Worth and was called to order on May 24, 1887, by First Vice-President Wm. Ferguson, acting as president in the absence of President L. L. Foster. He admonished the members to "eliminate," at the outset, every element which tended to drag in extraneous issues, and settle right down to the real business of the organization as indicated in the constitution."

On motion Mr. Ferguson was elected "permanent President of the Association."

The convention was welcomed by Mayor H. S. Broiles in the name of the city of Fort Worth, and by Hon. T. J. Powell on behalf of the city press. Mr. Powell "alluded to the fact that the proud young city was in a measure the child of its daily papers, and reviewed at length the history of journalism in Fort Worth, starting with the first issue, on July 4, 1876. He paid a high compliment to Captain B. B. Paddock and his 'Tarantula Map,' published in the Fort Worth Democrat on July 26, 1876, saying, that, at that time, there was one railroad and that now 'Captain Paddock was the president of the last leg of the 'tarantula' as pictured eleven years ago. He referred to the power of the local press in shaping and developing a city and drew illustrations from the record of the press. He advised the members of the Association to work for their respective towns and cities, but cautioned them (amidst a ripple of laughter) not to forget, at all times, to labor for an 'even and symmetrical development' of the entire State. He drew, and contrasted, the pictures of the town as it was eleven years ago and the city of today, and said that this exemplified the power of an enthusiastic local press, backed by an enthus-



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istic, liberal citizenship. He referred to the landmarks of Texas journalism, dropping compliments upon the 'State Press' (Colonel Hamilton Stuart of the Galveston-Dallas News) whom he called a veritable 'old man of the sea,' entwined around the hearts of all Texas journalists. He spoke feelingly of the late Hal Gosling whose death was a State calamity, and of others."

Thorp Andrews welcomed the Association on behalf of the business men of Fort Worth and to his generous words of welcome response was made by J. P. Bridges of the Luling Signal.

The following committees were announced:

Resolutions—W. C. Bowen, W. L. Malone, J. C. Crisp, W. A. Guthrie, J. H. Davis, E. E. Overall, C. E. Gilbert;

Membership—A. C. Scurlock, R. E. Yantis, H. C. Townsend, T. P. Maddox, W. A. Adair;

Revision of Roll—R. M. Collins, F. H. Gaines, H. A. Kessler, J. P. Bridges, S. R. Whitley;

Order of Business—J. P. Bridges, F. H. Gaines, C. E. Gilbert.

The following members responded to the call of the roll:

W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger; W. A. Bowen, Austin Statesman; O. B. Colquitt, Terrell Star; R. M. Collins, Decatur Post; J. C. Crisp, Uvalde News; O. W. Dodson, Henderson News; Richard Flood, Winnsboro Sentinel; W. A. Guthrie, San Angelo Standard; J. M. Gibson, Mineral Wells Herald; John Hoeny, Weatherford Sun; T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; Miss Lottie Lyons, San Antonio Gossip; W. L. Malone, Fort Worth Gazette; F. N. Oliver, Pilot Point New Era; A. D. Rust, McGregor Plaindealer; J. M. Shafer, Brownwood Bulletin; A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle; A. A. H. Tolar, Abilene Reporter; S. M. Vernon, Farmersville Times; S. R. Whitley, Overton Sharpshooter; R. M. Johnston, Houston Post; G. P. Miller, Corsicana Observer; J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal; J. B. Cranfill, Waco Advance; Charles Culmore, Girls' Reformer; Miss Fannie Culmore, Girls' Reformer; J. H. Davis, Mount Vernon Herald; Wm. Ferguson, San Antonio Times; C. E. Gilbert, Dallas Herald; F. H. Gaines, Paris News; W. C. Hill, Bellville Times; F. P. Holland, Dallas Farm and Ranch; C. A. Kessler, Linden Sun; T. P. Maddox, Navasota Tablet; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; Henry Muller, Texas Volksblatt, Brenham; Edwin E. Overall, Jefferson News; E. G. Rust, Dallas; Carey W. Styles, Meridian Citizen; W. M. Timmerman, Arlington World; B. M. Vanderhurst, Texarkana Times; J. J. Spann, Santa Anna Sentinel; E. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise; J. T. Walker, Terrell Star.

An invitation was received from the Press Association of the State of Arkansas inviting the Texas Press Associa-



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tion to meet with that body in the city of Texarkana, on May 4, 1888.

D. H. Swartz & Co., photographers, invited the members to have their "negatives" taken, free of charge, for the purpose of enabling the artist to make a group picture of the editors. Prof. Alex Hogg, superintendent of the City Schools of Fort Worth, invited the Association to visit the schools in a body. The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company offered the free use of its lines for the transmission of private telegrams to all points reached by its wires. The Western Union Telegraph Company tendered the free use of its wires to all points reached by its lines. The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company tendered a free excursion to Wichita, Indian Territory. The Pacific Express Company offered to carry, free of charge, the personal effects of any of the members to any point to be reached on its line.

The secretary of the Colorado State Fair, to be held in Fort Worth on October 27, 1887, extended an invitation to the Association to visit the Fair and assured the members of free courtesies.

A communication was received from the manager of the Western Newspaper Union, at Dallas, tendering the Association a free excursion to Dallas, to view the city and "the Union's Den."

The executive committee for the year follows:

- First District—R. M. Johnston, Houston Post;
- Second District—S. R. Whitley, Overton Sharpshooter;
- Third District—E. D. Dodson, Henderson News;
- Fourth District—E. E. Overall, Jefferson News;
- Fifth District—F. N. Oliver, Pilot Point News;
- Sixth District—E. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise;
- Seventh District—H. Stewart;
- Eighth District—W. C. Hill, Bellville Times;
- Ninth District—G. P. Miller, Corsicana Observer;
- Tenth District—J. C. Crisp, Uvalde News;
- Eleventh District—H. C. Townsend, Colorado Clipper.



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The following were elected to membership:

M. M. Gough, Bowie Labor Sunbeam; C. W. Cobb, Groesbeck New Era; O. B. Colquitt, Terrell Star; Cash Sirpless, Sherman Register; Mrs. W. H. Foute, Ladies Messenger, Houston; A. Ragland, Jr., Daingerfield Tidings; H. W. Morrison, Rockwall Success; J. K. Ashby, Fort Worth Masonic Journal; Mel Kirkpatrick, Cuera Bulletin; John W. Dale, Alvord Budget; Wm. Hamilton, Tyler Democrat Reporter; Luther Clark, Dallas Herald; T. R. Keaton, Hico Courier; J. T. Lewis, Temple Herald; S. O. Moody, Fort Worth Advertiser; James O. Jones, Kosse Cyclone; R. A. Musgrove, Sweetwater Record; Y. B. Dowell, Cisco Round-Up; T. J. Middleton, Waxahachie Mirror; P. H. Pardue, Itasca Mail; Sam T. Jones, Sulphur Springs Enterprise; D. P. Haggard, Dallas Advocate; E. S. Terry, Longview Cycle; B. R. Watts, Belden Monitor; N. T. Burke, Nacogdoches Star-News; H. D. Caldwell, Pilot Point Mirror; W. T. Jones, Terrell Review; G. C. Fahm, Alvarado Bulletin; W. T. Hawkins, Commerce Commercial; Miss Lou S. Bedford, Lone Star Magazine, Dallas; M. J. Nolan, Ft. Worth South-West.

Former secretary C. E. Gilbert presented an account showing that the printing of the minutes of the previous annual convention had cost \$192.80 and that he had received only \$90 therefor.

The committee to which was referred the resolution of J. H. Davis, that the Association appoint a lobby to attend the next meeting of the legislature and secure, if possible, the passage of a law requiring sheriffs' sales to be advertised, reported as follows:

"We realize the importance and justice of a law which would require advertisements of public sales under judgment or execution to be published in newspapers, rather than to be posted on trees or bulletin boards; and we believe that such a change in the law would be more beneficial to the public than to the publisher. We are in a position to see and appreciate the fact that the real sufferers by this antiquated system are not heard from; such advertisements are frequently torn down by interested parties to prevent the competition at sales, which the advertisement is intended to secure for the benefit of the debtor. The illegitimate profits of unscrupulous and designing sharks who make their fortunes on the misfortunes of business men and widows and orphans, whose property may be sold under execution of judgment, without competition, are not known and fully appreciated by the public. The ways and means



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of the grasping mortgage companies, with agencies in many parts of our State, in absorbing the farms of the State, at heavy sacrifice of the farms to creditors, need only to be understood to demonstrate the evils of this system of advertising forced sales; and certainly have not been understood by the honest legislators of our State, who have up to this time, turned a deaf ear to the appeals for a change in the law. This is more than a plain business matter in which the publisher is interested, and if we can demonstrate to the legislature the evil of this law, and the necessity for a change, it is our duty to do so. We realize the fact that the evils of the law are not well known, and that shrewd speculators and professional land-grabbers too often secure an influence in our legislatures and, in this instance, by representing this question as one which concerns only the publisher.

“In view of the fact that the next session of the legislature is nearly two years off and that ere that time we will again meet in annual convention, we recommend that this matter be continued for a fuller report and further action at our next meeting; and that in the meantime each publisher be urged to collate from the record of his own county data of actual occurrences wherein forced sales, by this unjust manner of advertising, have been made, and property sold for one-third, one-fifth, and often one-tenth of its real value, with the victims of litigation and misfortune as the losers. A change in this law would save hundreds of thousands of dollars to the proper owners from the grasp of land sharks. These unfortunate people are victims of our own laws, because the law provides for the forced sale for the benefit of the money-lenders, or creditors, and does not protect the debtor.”

A page of the minute book was dedicated and set apart to the memories of Willie Spurance of the Arlington World and Granville McPherson of the Blanco Star-Vindicator.



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R. M. Johnston of the Houston Post, chairman of the committee on the libel law, which was appointed at the last annual convention, made a verbal report of the efforts made to secure modification of the law. With other members of the committee, he had attended the last session of the legislature and soon found that the further a newspaper man kept away from there the better for him. Legislators whom he had approached said they would readily vote for a law more drastic and far reaching than the present law; but for a modification, never. He, Johnston, would in the future vote against the appointment of any committee to seek relief from any legislature. If the newspapers of Texas were being unjustly treated, he preferred placing the matter before the people, and he had faith in the purity and honesty of the Texas public to right any wrong. "If we expect a modification of the libel law," said he, "we should show the defects of the present one and an honest public opinion will give it to us." He asked that this statement be received by the Association as a report of the committee, and that the committee be discharged.

The following officers were elected:

President—William Ferguson, San Antonio Times;  
First Vice President—W. L. Malone, Fort Worth Gazette;  
Second Vice President—J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal;  
Third Vice President—C. E. Gilbert, Dallas Herald;  
Secretary—J. B. Cranfill, Waco Advance;  
Treasurer—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;  
Orator—Carey W. Styles, Meridian Citizen;  
Poetess—Mrs. Rose Hartwick Thorpe, San Antonio;  
Essayist—R. E. Yantis, Wills Point Chronicle.

On the third ballot, Dallas was selected as the next place of meeting over Houston, Austin, Paris, Brownwood, Texarkana, Rockwall, Fort Worth and Sherman.

A communication was received from the Texas Express Company offering to carry, free of charge, the personal effects and packages of the members. A letter was received from C. L. Frost of the Fort Worth and Denver Railway



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Company, tendering the editors, collectively or individually, a free ride over that road at any time they desired.

Thanks were voted the Pacific and Texas Express Companies, Western Union Telegraph Company, The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company, The Fort Worth and Denver Railway Company, for free transportation of the members, their packages and messages; and special thanks to A. T. McCarger, manager of the Western Newspaper Union at Dallas, for a train furnished at his expense to take the Association to Dallas and return to Fort Worth.

An assessment of one dollar per member was voted, to pay the outstanding indebtedness of the Association and the secretary's salary of \$50. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$6.15. Secretary J. B. Cranfill donated his salary of \$50 to the Association, to help pay its debts.

The committee reporting the following:

"That it is the sense of this Association that we should no longer lend encouragement to advertising agencies, unless they be firms of long standing and are perfectly responsible, and who never ask us to give them 'cut' rates on advertising space; and, furthermore, we pledge ourselves to expose all fraudulent advertising firms or individuals, as it may come to our knowledge, for our mutual benefit and protection."

J. C. Crisp of the Uvalde News offered the following:

"Whereas, There is no paper mill in Texas, and there is annually consumed in the State an enormous quantity of printing and other kinds of papers, upon which a vast amount of money is unnecessarily expended in freights and other charges; be it, therefore,

"Resolved, That all members of this Association take the matter into consideration and advocate, in person and through their papers, the establishment and maintenance in the State of a paper mill of capacity adequate to the de-



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mands, especially of the press and printing industry of the State."

The annual oration was delivered by R. M. Johnston of the Houston Post.

Quite a discussion was provoked over the resolution, offered at the last annual convention, seeking to amend the constitution and reading as follows:

"Resolved, That Article III of the constitution of this Association be amended by adding after the word 'periodical' and before the word 'the,' the following: 'Provided, further, That only one such editor or proprietor of a paper, as above specified, that has been published not less than twelve months next preceding the annual meeting of the Association, shall be entitled to membership, and such application shall be accompanied by the periodical of such applicant.'"

The resolution was lost.

The ladies of the Association and their escorts were received at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Huffman, where they were given a "varied and delightful" musical entertainment.

The matter of free passes was beginning to agitate the editorial mind, and the secretary was moved to say in his report:

"The only real difficulty that has confronted your secretary was a law recently passed by the Congress of the United States, called the Inter-State Commerce Bill. For a while it was feared that passes could not be procured for our members, but your secretary is most happy to report that the editors of Texas are independent, if needs be, of free railroad passes, and the prospective failure to secure transportation did not frighten a solitary member from the prospective pleasure of attending our annual reunion." The secretary was able, it seems, to secure free transportation over every road in the State except the Houston and Texas Central, which "curtly, very curtly" refused to extend the courtesies of that road.



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The following were appointed as delegates to the National Editorial Association, which was to meet in Denver, Colorado, the following September: E. F. Yeager, W. L. Malone, Hamilton Stuart, A. C. Scurlock, J. P. Bridges, L. D. Lillard, J. T. Walker, W. A. Adair, B. C. Murray, J. B. Cranfill, H. C. Townsend, R. M. Johnston, J. H. Davis, T. P. Maddox, J. P. Leslie, S. M. Vernon, W. M. Timmerman, T. B. Johnson, R. M. Collins, D. P. Haggard, W. W. West, Carey W. Styles, C. E. Gilbert, G. P. Miller, Henry Muller, John O. Ford, Samuel Fishburn, S. R. Whitley, N. B. Dowell, A. A. H. Tolar.

The following were appointed a committee to revise the constitution: W. N. Parks, W. A. Adair, J. P. Leslie, D. P. Haggard and T. P. Maddox.

The excursion was into the Indian Territory, over the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway, through Gainesville to Washita and the Arbuckle Mountains.

This convention is pronounced the "brightest, happiest, and most cheering and fraternal session it (the Association) has ever held."



## Ninth Annual Convention—1888

THE ninth annual convention was held in the city of Dallas and was called to order by President William Ferguson on May 14, 1888.

The following members responded to call of the roll:

C. F. Altmann, Dallas Volksblatt; J. B. Cranfill, Waco Advance; J. M. Connor, Jr., Tyler Tribune; John Guthrie, Bandera Bugle; W. C. Hill, Bellville Times; Isaac H. Julian, San Marcos Free Press; J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner; Edwin E. Overall, Jefferson News; A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle; E. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise; R. A. Musgrove, Sweetwater Record; E. S. Terry, Longview Cycle; W. E. Blythe, Mount Pleasant News; J. F. Elliott, Dallas Immigration Journal; Richard Flood, Arlington News; C. W. Geers, Denton Monitor; George W. Jenks, Stephenville Empire; T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; G. P. Miller, Corsicana Observer; O. Paget, Corsicana Courier; H. Smythe, Weatherford Times; R. E. Yantis, Wills Point Chronicle; Cash Sirpless, Sherman Register; B. R. Watts, Belden Monitor; J. J. Callan, Coleman Voice; R. M. Collins, Decatur Post; S. M. Carleton, Ennis Review; F. H. Gaines, Paris News; John Hoeny, Weatherford Sun; R. M. Johnston, Houston Post; A. B. Norton, Dallas Intelligencer; John G. Rankin, Brenham Banner; H. P. Simonds, Cleburne Telegram; G. C. Fahm, Alvarado Bulletin; Sam T. Jones, Sulphur Springs Enterprise; John W. Dale, Alvord Budget; J. H. Davis, Mount Vernon Herald; Wm. Ferguson, San Antonio Times; C. E. Gilbert, Dallas Herald; F. P. Holland, Texas Farm and Ranch; Emmet Jones, Boerne Advance; C. A. Kessler, Linden Sun; F. N. Oliver, Pilot Point New Era; F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; S. R. Whitley, Overton Sharpshooter; James W. Jones, Kosse Cyclone, H. W. Manson, Rockwall Success, H. D. Caldwell, Pilot Point Mirror.

After call of the roll, Colonel John F. Elliott, representing Mayor Connor, who was "unavoidably absent," welcomed the Association in behalf of the city of Dallas. The response on behalf of the Association was delivered by R. M. Johnston of the Houston Post.

The report of the delegates to the National Editorial Association at Denver was made, with the request that the sum of \$35, paid by the delegates as membership fees, be refunded. It was so ordered. Announcement was made that the Texas delegation had secured the next convention of the National Editorial Association, and that it would be "one of the largest bodies of journalists ever assembled."

The following committees were announced:



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Revision of the Roll—R. M. Collins, F. H. Gaines, C. A. Kessler, J. P. Bridges, Jno. G. Rankin;

Auditing—R. M. Collins, F. N. Oliver, John Guthrie;

Obituaries—O. Paget, M. Davis, R. A. Musgrove;

Resolutions—J. U. Vincent, J. F. Elliott, John Hoeny, J. O. Jones, W. E. Blythe.

S. R. Whitley of the Overton Sharpshooter offered the following:

“Whereas, There is now a system of advertising through middle men, known as Advertising Agencies, and that the business as now conducted is detrimental to the publishers of newspapers for want of uniformity and a little understanding among the publishers; therefore,

“Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of five members who shall prepare a schedule of prices for what is known as foreign advertisements at an equitable rate; one that shall be just to both advertiser and publisher, and shall submit the same to this body for action on the same.”

As the committee provided for, the President appointed: S. R. Whitley, C. E. Gilbert, Cash Sirpless, J. J. Callan and F. B. Robinson. The committee does not appear to have made a report, but the matter of foreign advertising and advertising agencies was discussed pro and con, until Mr. Spann of Brownwood offered the following:

“Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that it is unwise, unjust, and demoralizing for any member of this Association to negotiate rates of advertising with agencies of foreign patrons at a lower rate or on more advantageous terms than said paper demands of home patrons for like work, and that any variance as here suggested incurs the disapproval of this Association.”

Mr. Johnson of San Antonio offered the following substitute:

“Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association, and its advice to the press of Texas, to put all advertising agents



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on exactly the same basis as all other contractors for advertising." Finally, on motion of Mr. Vernon, the matter was referred to a committee of three, with power to prepare an agreement to be signed by the members of the Association, and the chair appointed as said committee: Vernon, Gilbert and Bridges.

The following new members were elected:

M. J. Cox, Forney Register; G. W. Humphries, Grandview Sentinel; J. D. McKee, El Paso Herald; P. S. Browder, Southern Mercury, Dallas; S. H. Sayer, Hubbard City News; J. B. Goode, Paris Good Things; J. A. Padon, Jacksonville Boomer; J. B. McGraw, Honey Grove Citizen; Albert G. Stuart, Rockwall News; A. F. Baker, Lampasas News-Dispatch; Jos. Greer, Van Alstyne News; W. B. Preston, Dallas Texas Witness; J. C. Rathbone, Midland Staked Plain; W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer; J. M. Howell, Texas Farm and Ranch; W. F. Black, Standard Enterprise; E. M. Ainsworth, McGregor Observer; W. L. Hair, Bartlett Headlight; W. Y. Chester, Blossom Prairie Bee; Joe T. Green, Lancaster Herald; S. P. Evans, Van Alstyne News; G. W. Crossman, Embree Enterprise; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; Alf LaCross, Hallettsville Enterprise; J. F. McCullough, Dallas Liberator; James Graham, Cleburne Chronicle; W. H. Graves, Cleburne Tribune; C. W. Harned, Dallas Prohibition Advocate; J. U. Vincent, Bosque Citizen; John Cullom, Garland News; J. S. Hart, El Paso Times; Thos E. Boren, Panola Watchman; J. C. Bigger, Dallas Texas Citizen; R. C. Crane, Fisher County Call; J. M. Knox, Texas Mesquiter; Frank Hoeny, Weatherford Sun; N. A. Cravens, Willis Index; John H. Copeland, Texas Tribune; R. M. Chapman, Alvarado Heart and Hand; A. D. Lipscomb, Crockett Economist; J. P. Jones, Whitney Messenger; Ed E. Berkshire, Dexter Signal; A. M. Kennedy, Mexia Democrat; D. L. Beech, Gonzales Inquirer; Mrs. Julia A. Rust, Waco Plaindealer; A. B. Norton, Dallas Intelligencer; H. A. Ivey, Hallettsville Herald; J. A. Collins, Dixie Land; R. W. H. Kennon, Lawndale Ledger; C. N. Ousley, Farm and Ranch.

The President notified the Association of the excursion to Denver, Colorado, tendered by the Fort Worth and Denver Railway Company. The Aransas Pass Railroad tendered an excursion to Aransas Pass and a sail on the Bay.

Members of the Colorado State Press Association, who were on an excursion to Texas, were escorted to seats and were given a cordial welcome.

The treasurer reported that he had received nothing from the secretary, or any other source, had paid out nothing, and still had on hand the amount of \$6.15, as per last report. The secretary reported that he had collected \$127.10 and paid out \$167.10 which left a balance due him of \$40.



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El Paso was elected as the next place of meeting over Rockport.

The following officers were elected:

President—J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal;  
First Vice President—R. M. Johnston, Houston Post;  
Second Vice President—H. Smythe, El Paso ———;  
Third Vice President—G. P. Miller, Corsicana Observer;  
Fifth District—S. M. Vernon, Farmersville Times;  
Secretary—R. E. Yantis, Wills Point Chronicle;  
Treasurer—Frank Mitchell, Greenville Banner;  
Orator—John H. Copeland, San Antonio Tribune;  
Essayist—E. W. Harris, Greenville Herald;  
Poetess—Mrs. O. Paget, Corsicana.

Executive Committee:

First District—F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item;  
Second District—A. D. Lipscomb, Crockett Economist;  
Third District—E. W. Harris, Greenville Herald;  
Fourth District—F. H. Gaines, Paris News;  
Fifth District—S. M. Vernon, Farmersville Times;  
Sixth District—E. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise;  
Seventh District—Mel Kirkpatrick, Cuero Bulletin;  
Eighth District—W. C. Hill, Bellville Times;  
Ninth District—J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner;  
Tenth District—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;  
Eleventh District—G. W. Jenks, Stephenville Empire.

The following delegates were appointed to the National Editorial Association: A. B. Norton, E. F. Yeager, A. C. Scurlock, L. D. Lillard, T. B. Johnson, J. C. Cooper, W. C. Hill, J. U. Vincent, Wm. A. Fields, O. B. Colquitt, J. H. Davis, F. N. Oliver, R. M. Johnston, R. M. Collins, R. E. Yantis, J. P. Bridges, H. C. Townsend, E. Koebig, W. C. Bowen, J. J. Callan, Wm. Ferguson, J. B. Cranfill, T. P. Maddox, C. W. Harned, G. P. Miller, C. E. Gilbert, S. R. Whitley, O. Paget, J. S. Hart, S. A. Fishburn, F. H. Gaines.

S. G. Spann of the Brownwood Appeal offered the following, which, however, was not disposed of, the motion to table having been lost:

“Resolved, That this Association, recognizing the fact



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that the libel law of this State, as it now stands, is not clearly understood by the masses in its baneful effects upon public policy, deems it eminently proper that the President of this Association at this meeting shall appoint a committee of five to memorialize the next legislature in the name of justice and good government generally, and especially of the entire membership of this Association, to so amend the libel law as to enable the defendant to offer in justification of his assertion the gravamen of the offense alleged, and that all proceedings shall be instituted in the county where the paper in which the objectionable language was published is located, or in the county in which the responsible party resides."

R. E. Yantis read the annual essay, the subject being: "The Country Press." The only paper read before this meeting was by J. P. Bridges of the Luling Signal on "Newspaper Advertising; the Relations Existing Between Publishers and Advertising Agents."

Excursions were taken to Austin, Aransas Pass, and Denver, Colorado.

The President announced the following standing committees:

Resolutions—E. F. Yeager, F. H. Gaines, J. B. Cranfill, H. A. Ivy, John H. Copeland, J. H. Davis;

Membership—W. C. Hill, W. C. Bowen, G. P. Miller, T. P. Maddox, M. W. Kirkpatrick;

Revision of Roll—F. B. Robinson, Frank Gaston, E. S. Terry, S. A. Fishburn, C. A. Kessler;

Order of Business—B. C. Murray, H. W. Manson, J. H. Davis.



## Tenth Annual Convention—1889

THE tenth annual convention was called to order in the city of El Paso on April 29, 1889, by President J. P. Bridges. The address of welcome on behalf of the city was delivered by Judge J. F. Crosby and was responded to by Former President Wm. Ferguson. The address of welcome on behalf of the local press was delivered by Juan S. Hart.

Dr. W. M. Yandell announced that two coaches capable of accommodating eighty people had been chartered for the excursion to the City of Mexico; that if that number went, the charge would be only ten dollars, being simply the Pullman fare; and that it was the first time the Mexican Central Railway Company had ever sent a free excursion over that road.

On call of the roll the following responded:

W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger; W. C. Bowen, Cotulla Ledger; D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer; Chas. Culmore, Reformer, Houston; H. D. Cadwell, Gainesville Signal; N. A. Cravens, Jr., Willis Index; John W. Dale, Springtown News; Mrs. Laura E. Foute, Houston Ladies' Messenger; John Guthrie, San Angelo Standard; Mark Hamilton, Tyler Democrat and Reporter; Frank Hoeny, Weatherford Sun; R. M. Johnston, Houston Post; T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; A. M. Kennedy, Mexia Democrat; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner; D. J. Moffitt, Pilot Point Post-Mirror; W. H. Neel, Dublin Telephone; E. E. Overall, Jefferson Iron News; J. A. Padon, Palestine Advocate; Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; A. D. Rust, Waco Plaindealer; S. H. Sayer, Hubbard City News; R. E. Yantis, Wills Point Chronicle; J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal; T. E. Boren, Carthage Watchman; J. B. Cranfill, Waco Advance; S. M. Carleton, Ennis Review; J. M. Connor, Daingerfield Herald; J. H. Copeland, San Antonio Tribune; Wm. Ferguson, San Antonio Times; J. S. Hart, El Paso Times; John Hoeny, Abilene Reporter; Frank P. Holland, Texas Farm and Ranch; G. W. Jenks, Stephenville Empire; R. C. Johnson, Galveston Opera Glass; J. M. Knox, Mesquite Mesquiter; L. D. Lillard, Fairfield Recorder; R. A. Musgrove, Sweetwater Record; T. P. Maddox, Navasota Tablet; Geo. M. Martin, Pleasanton Monitor; F. N. Oliver, Oak Cliff Weekly; O. Paget, Corsicana Courier; P. H. Pardue, Itasca Mail; E. G. Rust, Land and Immigration Journal, Dallas; W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas; H. C. Townsend, Colorado City Clipper; E. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise.

During a recess the members of the Association were presented with "button-hole bouquets" by Misses Marie



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Shelton, Belle Moore, Victoria Wood, and Florence Beall, four charming young ladies of El Paso.

An invitation was received from the Arkansas State Press Association, inviting the Texas Press Association to send one or more delegates to their next annual convention. A similar invitation was received from the Missouri State Press Association.

The following committees were announced:

Membership—W. C. Bowen, C. F. Lehmann, W. A. Adair, T. E. Boren;

Revision of Roll—E. F. Yeager, J. F. Mitchell, D. L. Beach, S. M. Carleton, H. D. Cadwell;

Resolutions—E. F. Yeager, R. A. Musgrove, J. B. Cranfill, J. H. Copeland, Juan S. Hart, Wm. Ferguson;

Memorial—Juan S. Hart, J. B. Cranfill, Dr. W. M. Yandell.

The Board of Directors of the North Texas Insane Asylum returned thanks for papers and periodicals sent that institution by members of the Association and others, saying that any further donations of that kind would be thankfully received and publicly acknowledged.

Fred B. Robinson of the Huntsville Item was appointed assistant secretary.

The following new members were elected, the secretary casting the vote of the Association on each name as called:

M. M. McFarland, Limestone New Era; L. C. Demaree, Overton Sharpshooter; J. A. C. Kemble, Waxahachie Democrat; Henry Reese, Jr., Gonzales Inquirer; Miss Ruth Cook, Greenville Zontas; John M. Connor, Waco Trade Review; J. C. Crisp, Hillsboro Reflector; J. S. A. Stevens, Burnet Bulletin; D. W. Barnhill, Uvalde News; J. C. Son, Palo Pinto Star; Chas. Longnemare, El Paso Bulletin; J. O. Hamilton, El Paso Times; L. L. Beech, Houston Echo; W. B. Teagarden, Mineola Monitor; W. T. S. Keller, San Angelo Enterprise; R. Rule, El Paso Herald; Chas. A. Edwards, New Birmingham Times; Forest T. Morgan, Quanah Eagle; Mrs. C. Bryarly, Timpson Times; J. C. Reubell, Whitewright Plow and Hammer; O. F. Dornblaser, Grandview Sentinel; Wm. Blakeslee, Hallettsville New Era; Wm. L. Newman, Waller County Courier; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; F. E. Larimer, Cisco Round-Up; J. E. Davis, Reagan Herald; M. F. Beaumont, Hillsboro Mirror; I. V. Jolly, Rusk Standard Enterprise; Mrs. M. R. Walton,



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Fort Worth Gazette; Geo. A. Speck, El Paso Tribune; J. T. Stark, Orange Tribune; Mark Riley, Brakett News; C. W. Geers, Jr., Denton Monitor; Miss M. K. Conyngton, Houston Ladies' Messenger; R. E. Connor, Daingerfield Record; F. M. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; T. L. Kinsey, Gatesville Star.

The memorial committee presented resolutions in regard to the death of H. Smythe of El Paso, which were spoken to by several members who eulogized the deceased. These resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

R. M. Johnston of the Houston Post offered the following which was laid on the table subject to call:

"Whereas, The twenty-first legislature of Texas having failed to respond to a very general demand of the press of the State for relief from the present unfair libel law;

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association views with regret this failure of the law-making power to give to the press the benefit of a fair, just, and equitable law on the subject of libel.

"Resolved, That a special committee of three members be appointed to take into consideration this subject and report at the next annual meeting such matter as may to such committee seem proper."

(There does not appear to have been any action on this).

L. D. Lillard of the Fairfield Recorder submitted the following:

"Whereas, It is susceptible of demonstration that the general press of our State, regardless of whether they are home print or auxiliary papers, do not receive that benefit from foreign advertising which they might receive by a co-operation of interests and union of purposes; and,

"Whereas, It can be shown that said co-operation of publishers can be effected with correspondingly beneficial results, regardless of the style of paper they may prefer to issue; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to report to this Association, at its present session, the advisability of a co-operative union of the Texas newspaper pub-



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lishers; and, also, a plan whereby they may receive from their advertising columns a much greater benefit than it is possible for them to now receive by reason of the circumstances operating against them."

The resolutions were referred to a committee consisting of L. D. Lillard, R. E. Yantis, J. H. Copeland, T. B. Johnson, T. P. Maddox, Mark Riley and W. A. Shaw, which reported as follows:

"We find, from the limited time that we have had at our disposal in consequence of attending the places of interest visited by the Association, we have not been able to formulate a full or elaborate plan of co-operation whereby we, as publishers, can unite for mutual protection and benefit.

"In considering this question, we recognize that it is not the province of this Association to bind its members to the support of any plan or organization, and that its action can be advisory only. Therefore, we have not deemed it expedient to try to submit any plan of organization with elaborate details, knowing that whatever enterprise may be established must commend itself to the judgment of every individual publisher.

"We are, nevertheless, firmly convinced from hearing plans outlined by several men of fine business qualifications, that a co-operative union as contemplated can be formed on such a basis of equity and reciprocity as will at once commend itself to every Texas publisher and appeal to his every feeling of pride and self-interest for his voluntary support.

"Therefore, in order to place this Association on record as desiring the fullest freedom in the management of our business affairs, we submit the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That while the Texas Press Association has no feeling of enmity as a body, or individually, against any establishment with whom it has publishing relations, yet we,



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as a body, will look with favor upon the organization of any kind of co-operative publishing and advertising company that will be in a measure under the contract of its patrons, and operated so as to give each publisher co-operating with it the fullest measure of benefit to be derived from it.

"Resolved, That while we regard the publisher's business as one of common interest to all, whether members of this Association or not, we ask and invite every publisher not a member of the Texas Press Association to join with us in a co-operative enterprise that we feel can be made a perfect success, if we will but band together in a common union of publishing and advertising interests.

"Resolved, Further, that a standing committee of five be appointed to submit to the general press of the State a plan of co-operation as contemplated in this report."

The annual oration was delivered by John H. Copeland of San Antonio. Mrs. Nellie Paget of Corsicana being unable to attend the convention, her poem, "The Press," was read by J. B. Cranfill of the Waco Advance. The annual essay, "Journalism—The Press as a Factor of Civilization," was read by E. W. Harris of the Greenville Herald.

The officers elected were:

President—R. M. Johnston, Houston Post;  
First Vice President—R. E. Yantis, Wills Point Chronicle;  
Second Vice President—Juan S. Hart, El Paso Times;  
Third Vice President—J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner;  
Secretary—Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item;  
Treasurer—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light.  
Executive Committee:

First District—N. A. Cravens, Jr., Willis Index;  
Second District—C. A. Edwards, New Birmingham Times;  
Third District—W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger;  
Fourth District—F. H. Gaines, Paris News;  
Fifth District—S. M. ernon, Farmersville Times;  
Sixth District—E. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise;  
Seventh District—R. C. Johnson, Galveston Opera Glass;  
Eighth District—D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer;



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Ninth District—A. M. Kennedy, Mexia Democrat;

Tenth District—W. M. Ferguson, San Antonio Times;

Eleventh District—John W. Dale, Springtown Newsdealer;

Poetess—Mrs. Mary Hunt Odom, of Abilene;

Orator—W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas;

Essayist—J. B. Cranfill, Waco Advance.

The members were taken in carriages, provided by the citizens of El Paso, around the city and then across the Rio Grande river to the city of Juarez, where they were welcomed by the mayor of that city and the officials of the Mexican custom house. Later the editors were given a banquet in the new custom house building and were then driven to the home of Dr. Alexander "where another pleasant surprise was in waiting." At night "a grand banquet was tendered the editors at the Grand Central Hotel."

The following was adopted:

"Resolved, That an explicit statement be made and printed in the minutes clearly stating the qualifications for membership in the Texas Press Association."

The committee on membership recommended that Article III of the constitution be so amended as to read:

"All bona fide proprietors or editors of newspapers or periodicals published in Texas, not less frequently than once a month, and which have been in existence not less than six months, shall be entitled to membership in this Association; provided, said applicant has been connected with said publication, either as editor or proprietor for a period of not less than three months; provided, further, that this article shall not be so construed as to debar acknowledged professional newspaper men who are members of this Association, but temporarily out of the business or employment and not engaged in other business."

The initiation fee was fixed at \$5 and the annual dues at \$2. The treasurer reported \$207 on hand.

The following submitted by W. A. Adair of the Marshall Messenger was adopted:



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"Whereas, A majority of the members of this Association are greatly inconvenienced at being away from their business on the first of the month; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That future annual meetings of the Texas Press Association be held on a date not earlier than the 4th and not later than the 15th of May."

The secretary was ordered to have the printed proceedings of the Association for the preceding ten years bound in book form, and was authorized to draw on the treasurer for any sum not exceeding \$5 to pay for same.

The following standing committees were announced:

Resolutions—J. B. Cranfill, O. Paget, W. A. Shaw, J. F. Mitchell, H. C. Townsend, C. Culmore, Mrs. W. H. Foute;

Membership—J. P. Bridges, A. C. Scurlock, L. D. Lillard, W. C. Bowen, T. P. Maddox, Mrs. M. R. Walton;

Revision of Roll—John H. Copeland, E. W. Harris, C. F. Lehmann, G. W. Jenks, Miss V. G. Rock;

Order of Business—Frank Holland, John Hoeny, E. E. Overall, F. N. Oliver, Mrs. R. S. Bryarly.

W. A. Guthrie of the San Angelo Standard offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the warmest, most earnest thanks of this Association be tendered Mrs. H. Smythe for her labors in behalf of its entertainment and amusement. I am sure that in the future, when we look back at the glorious time we have spent in the city whose head is pillowed on the Rocky Mountains, whose large, generous heart beats in an atmosphere that must be prepared in heaven, and whose feet are laved by the Rio Grande, the figure of Mrs. H. Smythe will occupy a prominent place in the foreground of one of the most delightful pictures that can never be effaced from our memories."

The excursion was to the City of Mexico.

The following delegates to the National Editorial Association were appointed: W. A. Adair, R. A. Musgrove, H.



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C. Townsend, Chas. Culmore, J. C. Crisp, Mrs. W. H. Foute, R. E. Yantis, A. M. Kennedy, O. Paget, J. B. Cranfill, J. H. Copeland, John Hoeny, G. M. Martin, F. B. Robinson, Juan S. Hart, E. W. Harris, L. D. Lillard, N. A. Craven, F. P. Holland, T. P. Maddox, E. F. Yeager, J. P. Bridges, F. N. Oliver, J. V. Stark, R. M. Johnston, S. M. Carleton, L. L. Beach.



## Eleventh Annual Convention—1890

THE eleventh annual convention was held in Turner Hall in the city of Houston and was called to order by President R. M. Johnston on May 6, 1890. Honorable Henry Scherffius, Mayor of Houston, welcomed the editors on behalf of the city. He was followed by William D. Cleveland who delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the citizens and business men of Houston. Response to the addresses of welcome was made by Colonel W. L. Malone of the Fort Worth Gazette.

Call of the roll showed the following members present:

W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger; Dr. L. Beach, Houston Echo; Peyton Brown, Austin Statesman; W. E. Blythe, Mt. Pleasant News; W. C. Bowen, Cotulla Ledger; Mrs. C. Bryarly, Center Star-News; S. M. Carleton, Ennis Review; Miss M. K. Conyngton, Houston Ladies' Messenger; J. H. Copeland, San Antonio Tribune; M. J. Cox, Merkel Mail; Chas. Culmore, Houston Reformer; J. W. Dale, Springtown-Newsdealer; Chas. A. Edwards, New Birmingham Times; W. F. Foster, Canton Telephone; W. P. Gaines, Austin Statesman; W. A. Guthrie, San Angelo Standard; J. S. Hart, El Paso Times; R. W. Haltom, Nacogdoches Chronicle; G. W. Jenks, Stephenville Empire; R. C. Johnson, Galveston Opera Glass; J. O. Jones, Calvert Courier; I. H. Julian, San Marcos Free Press; A. M. Kennedy, Mexia Democrat; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; W. L. Malone, Ft. Worth Gazette; H. W. Manson, Rockwall Success; J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner; F. M. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; R. A. Musgrove, Sweetwater Record; A. B. Norton, Dallas Intelligencer; O. Paget, Galveston Printer; J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner; J. C. Reubel, Whitewright Plow and Hammer; L. D. Rock, Woodville Eureka; A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle; A. G. Stuart, Rockwall News; S. M. Vernon, Farmersville Times; B. R. Watts, Belden Monitor; J. L. Watson, Houston Post; D. W. Barnhill, Uvalde News; D. L. Beech, Gonzales Inquirer; W. C. Blakeslee, Hallettsville New Era; T. E. Boren, Carthage Watchman; W. F. Brittingham, Fort Worth Gazette; H. D. Cadwell, Gainesville Signal; John M. Connor, Ft. Worth Mail; W. D. Cox, Bryan Pilot; N. A. Cravens, Jr., Willis Index; John H. Cullom, Garland News; Mrs. Fannie Culmore, Houston Reformer; O. F. Dornblaser, Grandview Sentinel; S. P. Evans, Van Alstyne News; Mrs. Laura E. Foute, Ladies' Messenger, Houston; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; M. L. Hair, Bartlett Headlight; John Hoeny, Jr., Abilene Reporter; H. A. Ivy, Waco News; R. M. Johnston, Houston Post; T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; H. P. Jones, Whitney Messenger; W. T. S. Keller, San Angelo Enterprise; F. E. Larimer, Cisco Round-Up; L. D. Lillard, Fairfield Recorder; T. P. Maddox, Navasota Tablet; G. P. Miller, Corsicana Observer; M. M. McFarland, Limestone New Era; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; W. H. Neel, Dublin Telephone; J. A. Padon, Palestine Advocate; P. H. Pardue, Itasca Mail; Henry Reese, Jr., Gon-



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zales Inquirer; Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; Miss V. G. Rock, Woodville Eureka; W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas; H. C. Thompson, Floresville Chronicle; Mrs. M. R. Walton, Ft. Worth Gazette; S. R. Whitley, Austin Globe; Alex Wynne, Beaumont Enterprise.

The executive committee made the following recommendations:

"1. The exercise of greater care by the committee on membership in passing on applications for membership, and in the election of members by the Association, with a view to protecting both the Association and parties extending courtesies to same.

"2. The wiping out of the honorary roll of membership carried in the past years, and that in the election of honorary members in future such election hold for one year only.

"3. That in future only the number of delegates entitled to seats in the National Editorial Association be selected, and that the President have the power to appoint same."

In the matter of a libel law, the committee offered for the consideration of the Association the following suggestions for a bill it considered equitable and just to all parties concerned:

"In any action for damage for libel, if it appears that the matter complained of was proper for public information, no recovery of exemplary damage shall be had against any defendant unless he is shown to have acted with malice in making publication.

"The publication of the following matters shall be privileged, when there is reasonable ground for belief in the truth of the same; unless it appear that such publications are prompted by malice in the parties defendant:

"1. The official actions of officers proceeding under legal process.

"2. Matters concerning the fitness of candidates for public offices, or concerning the official conduct of occupants of public offices.



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"3. Matters concerning public abuse or nuisance of any kind whatsoever.

"4. Matters relating to the gross turpitude or immorality on individuals, of such a nature as to corrupt or debase public morals.

"5. Matters concerning trade and finance in which the public have an interest.

"No recovery shall be had for the publication in good faith, with reasonable ground for belief in the truth of the same, or any matters included above; provided the publisher of the matter complained of, on being requested by the party complaining, gives promptly by publication as much prominence and publicity to any statement of reasonable length and couched in respectable language that may be submitted to him by the latter, as was given to the matter complained of.

"Suits for damages for libel may be brought in the county of the residence of the plaintiff or defendant, and there only; and but one recovery shall be had involving the same parties, plaintiff and defendant, for one issue, edition or publication of a libel."

After lively discussion, the report was adopted as presented. Later, on motion of R. M. Johnston of the Houston Post, reconsideration of the motion by which the report was adopted was had and sections 4 and 5 were ordered stricken out.

The following new members were elected:

W. L. Campbell, Bellville Standard; J. P. Nall, Gatesville Star; W. F. Clanahan, South-East Texas Journal; Wm. Bennett, Trinity Watchman and Graphic; T. M. Woods, Rockdale Democrat; W. D. Adams, Forney Tribune; John M. Green, Yoakum Graphic; E. Doremus, Dallas News; D. P. Rock, Woodville Eureka; W. C. Easterling, Del Rio Record; J. T. Robinson, Morris County News; F. A. Venny, Temple Sun; J. T. Browning, Parsonage Press, LaGrange; John J. Haggerty, Bellville Standard; J. W. Crayton, Royse City Alta; T. C. McFarland, Limestone New Era; H. V. Hamilton, Tyler Democrat-Reporter; H. J. Strickfaden, Clay County Chieftain; F. B. Baillio, Alvarado Bulletin; E. G. Lowe, Dallas News; W. F. Beck, Weatherford Constitution; E. B. Walker, Gainesville Register; Mrs. Eula Nall, Gatesville Star; W. B. Page, Crockett Courier; O. W. Bradley, Harrold Telephone; J. Y. Schenck,



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Lone Oak News; W. C. O'Bryan, McGregor Observer; A. C. Valdez, San Antonio El Heraldo; G. W. Rose, Cisco Round-Up; W. W. Dexter, Ft. Worth Trade Review; W. M. Imboden, Cherokee Herald, Rusk.

An invitation was received from Major Robert Burns, secretary of Hood's Texas Brigade, to attend the annual reunion of that organization to be held at Hempstead on June 27, 1890. The editors were invited to attend the 'Teachers' State Association to be held in Galveston beginning June 24, 1890. The Texas Spring Palace at Fort Worth extended an invitation to the Association.

A. M. Kennedy of the Mexia Democrat offered the following:

"That the President be and is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of five, of which the President shall be ex-officio chairman, who shall memorialize, and take such other action as they may deem proper, to secure the enactment by the Twenty-Second Legislature of a libel law embodying the statement of and in accordance with the suggestion made by the executive committee in its report."

The annual oration was delivered by W. A. Shaw of the Texas Farmer. Mrs. Mary Hunt McCaleb Odom of Abilene read the annual poem: "The Lone Star State." State Superintendent O. H. Cooper addressed the convention on the subject of Education.

Papers were read as follows:

J. F. Mitchell—"How to Build Up and Maintain a Newspaper Circulation;"

W. A. Adair—"The Influence of Patent Outsides on the Weekly Press;"

John M. Connor—"Newspaper Financiering."

The following offered by William Bennett of the Trinity Watchman was adopted:

"Inasmuch as a majority of the Texas newspapers advertise more or less for foreign medicine and other companies, and as much of this advertising matter consists of stereotype fixed upon wooden bases, and as the said bases



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become swollen and unfit for any use whenever they come in contact with water, thereby causing the publisher much trouble and annoyance, the undersigned respectfully makes the motion that the press of Texas in convention assembled resolve to use its influence in discouraging the use of this matter and encourage as far as possible the making of all foreign advertisements on metal bases."

L. D. Lillard of the Fairfield Recorder offered the following which, after lively discussion, carried by the required two-thirds vote:

"That Article III. of the Constitution be amended so as to read:

"All bona fide proprietors or editors of newspapers or periodicals published in Texas not less frequently than once a month, and which have been in existence not less than three months, shall be entitled to membership in the Association; provided said applicant has been connected with said publication, either as editor or proprietor, for a period of not less than three months; provided, further, that this article shall not be so construed as to debar professional newspaper men who are members of this Association, but temporarily out of business or employment and now engaged in other business."

W. D. Cox of the Bryan Pilot offered the following which, along with the motion to reconsider, was declared lost:

"Be it resolved, That section 6 of the by-laws be amended so as to read:

"The secretary shall notify all members of their arrears and if, after notification in writing, payment is not made within ninety days such member shall be stricken from the roll and not entitled to the rights and privileges of the Association again until all past dues and a fee of one dollar for re-instatement of said member shall be paid. And no person shall be entitled to wear a badge or be allowed to oc-



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cupy a seat upon the Association floor who has not presented to the committee on membership his written receipt from the secretary for the past year's dues, or a properly signed application for membership accompanied by the required fee; provided, this shall not exclude the presence from the hall of regularly elected honorary members, or the Association's guests for the meeting."

A. C. Scurlock, L. D. Lillard and T. B. Johnson were appointed the Committee on Printing. The secretary reported \$328 collected from fees and dues.

W. A. Shaw of the Texas Farmer read a paper, prepared by Frank P. Holland of the Farm and Ranch, which was a brief digest of the libel law then prevailing. Shaw declared himself opposed to any change in the law. The other side of the question was championed by R. M. Johnston, E. G. Senter, Frank Doremus, Charles Culmore, Charles A. Edwards, H. A. Ivey and John H. Copeland.

S. M. Vernon offered the following which failed to carry:

"That we, the members of the Texas Press Association, mutually agree that henceforth we will control every inch of advertising in our respective papers, and that we will demand a price within at least twenty per cent of our regular rate from all foreign advertisers."

President Johnston announced that arrangements had been made for an excursion to the Spring Palace at Fort Worth; that he had also perfected arrangements for an excursion to New Orleans, Birmingham (Alabama), Atlanta (Georgia), and other points in the Southeast; but that, owing to recent heavy rains and washouts, the railroad people were afraid to undertake the matter and that the excursion had been abandoned.

The following offered by W. E. Foster of the Canton Telephone was adopted:

"Whereas, The present clause in our Constitution requiring the secretary to notify members in writing regarding



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the payment of dues, at least ninety days before the meeting of our Association, to make them subject to suspension, is and always has been practically a dead letter; therefore, be it

“Resolved, By this Association that all dues of its members are payable in advance, annually. All members who fail to comply with this requirement and are two years in arrears, after sixty days previous notice by the secretary shall be suspended. That it goes into effect at its adoption as a constitutional amendment.”

The following officers were elected:

President—Juan S. Hart, El Paso Times;

First Vice President—J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner;

Second Vice President—W. L. Malone, Fort Worth Gazette;

Third Vice President—N. A. Cravens, Willis Index;

Secretary—John M. Connor, Fort Worth Mail;

Treasurer—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light.

Executive Committee:

First District—R. M. Johnston, Houston Post;

Second District—W. B. Page, Crockett Courier;

Third District—E. W. Harris, Greenville Herald;

Fourth District—J. T. Robinson, Daingerfield News;

Fifth District—A. G. Stuart, Rockwall News;

Sixth District—F. B. Baillio, Alvarado Bulletin;

Seventh District—O. Paget, Galveston Printer;

Eighth District—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Ninth District—G. P. Miller, Corsicana Observer;

Tenth District—J. H. Copeland, San Antonio Tribune;

Eleventh District—W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star.

Corsicana was chosen over Fort Worth as the next place of meeting. L. D. Lillard, A. C. Scurlock and G. P. Miller were appointed a committee to select an orator and a poetess for the next annual convention.



## Twelfth Annual Convention—1891

THE twelfth annual convention convened in the City Hall in the city of Corsicana on May 12, 1891, and was called to order by President Juan S. Hart of the El Paso Times. The invocation was by Rev. Jerry Ward, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Mayor J. F. Stout then introduced Hon. Roger Q. Mills who had been selected by the citizens of Corsicana to deliver the address of welcome. Response to the address of welcome was by President Juan S. Hart.

On call of the roll the following members responded:

W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger; William Bennett, Killeen Herald; T. E. Boren, Panola Watchman; H. D. Cadwell, Gainesville Signal; J. H. Copeland, San Antonio Tribune; John H. Cullom, Garland News; Charles A. Edwards, retired; C. E. Gilbert, Dallas Times-Herald; R. W. Haltom, Nacogdoches Chronicle; John Hoeny, Jr., Abilene Reporter; R. M. Johnston, Houston Post; T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; A. M. Kennedy, Mexia Democrat; H. W. Manson, Rockwall Success; G. P. Miller, Corsicana ———; J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner; J. P. Nall, Gatesville Star; E. E. Overall, Jefferson Iron News; J. C. Reubell, Whitewright Plow and Hammer; Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; G. W. Rose, Cisco Round-Up; W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas; A. G. Stuart, Rockwall News; Alex Wynne, Beaumont Enterprise; Geo. M. Martin, Pleasanton Monitor; S. M. Carleton, Ennis Review; J. J. Haggerty, Bellville Standard; Mrs. Eula Nall, Gatesville Star; J. T. Stark, Orange Tribune; W. B. Page, Crockett Courier; A. B. Norton, Dallas Intelligencer; F. B. Baillio, Alvarado Bulletin; Wm. C. Blakeslee, Hallettsville New Era; O. W. Bradley, Harrold Telephone; John M. Connor, Waco Day; M. J. Cox, Merkel Mail; J. W. Dale, Springtown News-dealer; F. H. Gaines, Paris News; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; Juan S. Hart, El Paso Times; F. P. Holland, Dallas Farm and Ranch; R. C. Johnson, Galveston Opera Glass; J. O. Jones, Mexia Ledger; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; T. J. Middleton, Waxahachie Mirror; F. M. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; W. H. Neel, Dublin Telephone; P. H. Pardue, Waxahachie Democrat; J. T. Robinson, Daingerfield News; D. P. Rock, Woodville Eureka; Miss V. G. Rock, Woodville Eureka; J. C. Son, Palo Pinto Star; T. M. Woods, Rockdale Democrat; H. P. Jones, Milford Courier; W. C. Easterling, Del Rio Record; H. J. Strickfaden, Henrietta Chieftain; A. C. Valdez, San Antonio El Herald; Mrs. C. Bryarley, Center Star-News; W. E. Foster, Canton Telephone; N. A. Cravens, Willis Index.

The following standing committees were appointed:

Membership—W. A. Adair, C. A. Edwards, J. W. Dale, J. H. Cullom, F. H. Gaines;



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Revision of Roll—W. A. Shaw, John Hoeny, Jr., H. W. Manson;

Constitution and By-Laws—A. M. Kennedy, A. G. Stuart, P. H. Pardue;

Resolutions—J. F. Mitchell, T. B. Johnson, R. C. Johnson;

Memorials—G. P. Miller, J. H. Copeland, W. E. Gilliland.

The following were elected to membership, the vote being by ballot, objection having been made to a suspension of the rules that they might be declared elected by viva voce vote on the recommendation of the committee on membership, and also that the rules be suspended and the secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Association:

James A. Greer, Thornton Herald; A. W. Buchanan, Bryan Pilot; G. A. McNaughton, Hays County Times; Charles F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise; J. E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner; Lee Satterwhite, Wortham Democrat; S. H. McBride, Aransas Harbor Herald; Perry Hawkins, Taylor Journal; W. A. Fields, Hillsboro Reflector; W. F. Colquitt, Corsicana Democrat; D. C. Colp, Iowa Park Texan; G. W. Baker, Hubbard City News; W. B. Newton, Vernon Texan; G. F. Pierson, Clay County Chieftain; Mrs. J. Von Haxthausen, Texas Zeitung; H. W. Brown, Glen Rose Herald; F. B. Pierce, San Angelo Enterprise; L. C. Clifton, Farmersville Times; H. E. Wilson, Taylor Texan.

The executive committee reported:

1. “\* \* \* that we have had lithographed elegant certificates for membership, which will be issued to members upon application to the secretary.

2. “Also that we have arranged an excursion for the members of the Association upon the adjournment of the present convention as follows: Leaving Corsicana over the St. L. A. & T. Ry., Friday morning, May 16, to Waco; thence, over the M. K. & T. Ry., to Taylor; thence, over the I. & G. N. Ry., to San Antonio, arriving in that city Friday evening. The excursionists will remain in San Antonio Saturday at the invitation of the citizens and then proceed over the S. A. & A. P. Ry. to Rockport, returning at the option of those participating in the trip. From Rockport the party will make an excursion of one day to Aransas Harbor by special invitation of Governor T. B. Wheeler.



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3. "Your committee would report that it requested the entertainment committee of the citizens of Corsicana to make no provisions to liquidate the hotel bills of members attending the annual convention, and would recommend that in future the same policy be pursued, to preserve the dignity of the profession and thus place us on the same footing with other State organizations.

4 and 5. "Your committee would further recommend that all past presidents be made life members of the Association. That the secretary and vice-presidents be made ex-officio members of the executive committee.

6. "That the incoming president be required to announce his appointment of delegates to the National Editorial Association before the final adjournment of the annual convention so that due time may be had to secure them transportation to the place of meeting.

7. "Your committee further recommends instead of the present cumbersome method of securing transportation for delegates to the place of holding the convention, which requires a great amount of labor from the secretary, that a transportation committee be created consisting of the president and secretary, who shall arrange with the general passenger agents of the various roads of Texas for the transportation of delegates, notifying the members of the terms of such arrangement; and the secretary shall file with each general passenger agent a roll of the Association; after which, each member shall make his own application direct to the general passenger agents."

It was moved by W. C. Blakeslee that so much of the report as related to programme be adopted. This carried and the consideration of the balance of the report was made the special order for a later hour. When the report was taken up, it was decided to act upon it by sections. Sections one and two were adopted without discussion. Section three (relating to hotel bills) provoked much discussion. After



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several amendments had been made, and lost, F. B. Baillio of the Alvarado Bulletin moved the adoption of the substitute offered by John H. Cullom of the Garland News "that it to be adopted in-so-far as relating to this convention, but to have no binding force on future conventions." A. M. Kennedy moved the previous question and the Cullom substitute was defeated—28 to 17. John H. Copeland of the San Antonio Tribune moved to table section three, which was done—36 to 26. The motion of R. M. Johnston to reconsider was met by a motion of John W. Dale of the Springtown Newsdealer to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was done—34 to 17. Sections four, five and six were adopted. Section seven, on motion of John H. Copeland, was laid on the table.

A communication was received from President W. C. Connor of the Texas State Fair at Dallas thanking the editors for their liberal support of that institution in the past, soliciting a continuance of their good offices, and inviting them to attend the next Fair—especially on Press Day.

Mention should have been made in the records of the Eleventh Annual Convention, held in the city of Houston, of the movement inaugurated at the suggestion of Judge A. B. Norton (on the return of the Association from a visit to the battle field) inviting agitation on the part of the press of Texas to have the State purchase the battle-ground of San Jacinto and make of it a State Park, preserving it as sacred soil—soil that had been baptized and dedicated by the blood of patriots shed in defense of liberty. After a statement at this convention of the movement and its purposes, Judge A. B. Norton, W. A. Fields, R. M. Johnston, A. C. Scurlock, J. T. Robinson and W. B. Page were appointed a committee to memorialize the Legislature on that subject.

San Antonio was elected as the next place of meeting over Austin, Waco, Abilene and Dallas. The annual poem by Mrs. Willa Lloyd Jackson of Dallas was read by A. M.



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Kennedy of the Mexia Democrat. The following papers appear in the printed proceedings: "What Rule Should Guide a Publisher in Fixing His Advertising Schedule?"—O. Paget; "The Best Training for Newspaper Men."—J. P. Bridges.

The following officers were elected:

President—J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner;  
First Vice President—J. H. Copeland, San Antonio Tribune;  
Second Vice President—A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle;  
Third Vice President—W. A. Fields, Hillsboro Reflector;  
Secretary—F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item;  
Treasurer—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;  
Executive Committee:

First District—D. P. Rock, Woodville New Era;  
Second District—W. M. Imboden, Rusk Herald;  
Third District—W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger;  
Fourth District—F. H. Gaines, Paris News;  
Fifth District—B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer;  
Sixth District—J. H. Cullom, Garland News;  
Seventh District—R. C. Johnson, Galveston Opera Glass;  
Eighth District—Henry Reese, Gonzales Inquirer;  
Ninth District—F. B. Whipkey, Corsicana Light;  
Tenth District—C. A. Edwards, Austin Iconoclast;  
Eleventh District—John Hoeny, Jr., Abilene Reporter.

The following were elected to the National Editorial Association to be held at St. Paul, Minnesota in July:

As Ex-Officio Delegates—A. B. Norton, B. C. Murray, N. A. Cravens (third vice president of the National Editorial Association), J. F. Mitchell, F. B. Robinson; and, as Regular Delegates—J. M. Connor, A. G. Stuart, C. F. Lehmann, F. B. Baillio, J. H. Copeland, W. B. Page, John Hoeny, Jr., F. P. Holland, F. H. Gaines, J. W. Dale, T. P. Maddox, Charles A. Edwards, R. C. Johnson, J. L. Watson, J. S. Hart, A. M. Kennedy, J. C. Son, A. C. Valdez, W. A. Shaw, E. W. Harris.

The following was offered by A. M. Kennedy of the Mexia Democrat and was adopted by a vote of 25 to 15:

"Be it Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that all notices of properties sold under execution, or of the sale of estates belonging to minors should be published in



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some newspaper, instead of being 'posted' in three alleged 'public places in the county.' And further, that we recommend that the members of this Association agitate and discuss the question in their respective journals."

The executive committee was instructed to purchase a ballot box and balls and also a gavel for the use of the president. Gold headed canes were presented to Retiring President Johnston and Retiring Secretary John M. Connor. Special thanks were extended George M. Bailey, special reporter; H. M. Pease, special artist; and the Dallas News for the complete and extensive reports of the convention.



## Thirteenth Annual Convention—1892

THE thirteenth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was called to order by President J. F. Mitchell on the 19th day of April, 1892, in Rische's Opera House in the city of San Antonio. Rev. H. S. Thrall of San Antonio invoked Divine blessing. The address of welcome was delivered by Colonel H. B. Andrews of San Antonio, the response being made on behalf of the Association by President Mitchell. Former President J. P. Bridges also responded on behalf of the Association.

On call of the roll the following responded:

W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger; D. W. Barnhill, Uvalde News; Wm. Bennett, Killeen Herald; W. E. Blythe; Mt. Pleasant News; O. W. Bradley, Arlington Herald; W. H. Brown, Glen Rose Herald; Mrs. C. Bryarly, Center Champion-Press; Mrs. L. C. Clifton, Farmersville Times; J. H. Copeland, San Antonio Tribune; W. D. Cox, Bryan Eagle; Chas. Culmore, Houston Reformer; Chas. A. Edwards, Austin Iconoclast; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; H. V. Hamilton, Jr., Tyler Democrat and Reporter; Mrs. I. Von Haxthausen, Houston Zeitung; R. M. Johnston, Houston Post; J. O. Jones, Mexia Ledger; I. V. Jolly, Decatur Church and Home; D. C. Kolp, Iowa Park Texan; T. P. Maddox, Navasota Tablet; Geo. M. Martin, Pleasanton Monitor; J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner; John E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner; F. M. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; A. B. Norton, Dallas Intelligencer; P. H. Pardue, Waxahachie Democrat; J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner; J. C. Reubell, White-wright Plow and Hammer; Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; Miss V. G. Rock, Woodville Eureka; G. W. Rose, Cisco Round-Up; W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas; A. C. Valdez, San Antonio El Heraldo; Mrs. M. R. Walton, Ft. Worth Gazette; James Williams, Denton Chronicle; F. B. Whipkey, West Times; Chas. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise; W. D. Adams, Forney Tribune; D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer; Wm. C. Blakeslee, Hallettsville New Era; T. E. Boren, Panola Watchman; J. P. Bridges, Luling Signal; J. T. Browning, Cameron Press; A. W. Buchanan, Bryan Pilot; H. D. Cadwell, Gainesville Signal; Mrs. Laura E. Foute, Gulf Messenger, San Antonio; John H. Cullom, Garland News; Mrs. Fannie Culmore, Houston Reformer; S. P. Evans, Van Alstyne News; R. W. Haltom, Nacogdoches Chronicle; Perry Hawkins, Taylor Journal; F. P. Holland, Texas Farm and Ranch; T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; H. P. Jones, Milford Courier; Sam T. Jones, Uvalde News; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; H. W. Manson, Rockwall Success; T. J. Middleton, Waxahachie Mirror; S. H. McBride, Aransas Harbor Herald; Geo. A. McNaughton, Hays County Times; D. J. Moffitt, Pilot Point Post-Mirror; W. H. Neel, Central Texas Journal, Stephenville; E. E. Overall, Texas Iron News and Industrial Record; G. F. Pierson, Clay County Chieftain; Henry Reese, Jr., Gonzales Inquirer; Mark Riley, Brackett News; L. D.



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Rock, Woodville Eureka; Hamilton Stuart, Galveston News; A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle; J. C. Son, Palo Pinto Star; F. A. Venney, Temple Sun; H. E. Wilson, Taylor Texan; Alex Wynne, Beaumont Enterprise.

### Committees:

Revision of Roll—J. H. Cullom, W. D. Cox, A. C. Scurlock, R. W. Haltom, O. W. Bradley.

Finance—T. E. Boren, C. A. Kessler, S. M. Carleton, C. Culmore, Perry Hawkins;

Membership—J. P. Bridges, W. Bennett, W. E. Gilliland, G. W. Jenks, H. P. Jones;

Constitution—B. C. Murray, W. E. Blythe, T. B. Johnson, J. G. Rankin, A. C. Valdez.

The executive committee reported that acting under section 8 of the by-laws it had expelled a member from the Association for having disposed of transportation furnished him by the railroad as a delegate to the National Editorial Association. The executive committee further reported that an excursion to Corpus Christi and Rockport at the close of the convention had been arranged by the citizens of San Antonio, through the liberality of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway.

### The following were elected to membership:

A. W. Riley, Wills Point Chronicle; J. M. Kennedy, Marlin Democrat; Will H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; A. S. Crisp, Cuero Star; J. D. Slawson, Killeen Herald; J. E. Vernor, Goldthwaite Mountaineer; E. S. Peters, Calvert Citizen; F. C. Thompson, McKinney Democrat; M. M. McLean, Williamson County Sun; Thos. W. Perkins, Wylie Rustler; P. O. Wilson, Taylor Texan; J. V. Watkins, Western Argus; N. G. Watts, Omaha Siftings; B. M. Baker, Colorado Citizen; J. G. Murphy, San Angelo Standard; W. O. Peery, Benjamin Reporter; L. A. Obregon, El Cronista Mexicana; Wm. Foster, Wise County Messenger; G. W. Coleman, Henrietta Independent; J. D. Shaw, Waco Independent Pulpit; R. L. Livingston, Plano Star; Frank M. Sewell, Winnsboro Messenger; F. A. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette; N. P. Houx, Hempstead News; Mrs. J. W. Williamson, Columbia Journal, Ft. Worth; Chas. M. Barnes, San Antonio Democrat; R. W. Coleman, San Antonio Truth; Frank Vernon, Cisco Round-Up; Mrs. Julia Truitt Bishop, Austin Statesman; S. F. Perry, Florence Reporter; George Robinson, Belton Journal; R. Wilson, Lockhart Register; Edgar Schramm, Texas Staats Zeitung; Thos. M. McDonnell, Sunset Signal; J. S. Penn, Jr., Laredo Times; W. H. Orr, Itasca Mail; T. C. Chambers, Liberty Vindicator; S. A. Foote, Whartor Spectator; Frank P. Brady, Galveston News.

Invitations were accepted to visit Corpus Christi, Rockport and Velasco. The management of the Houston Post



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invited the Association to visit the Post building and inspect their new type-setting machinery and partake of their hospitality, while in Houston enroute home from Velasco.

Frank P. Holland delivered the annual oration, his subject being: "Practical Business Methods in the Advertising Department." He was followed by A. C. Scurlock of the Cleburne Chronicle who made an address on the subject: "Advertising in the Country Weekly." These subjects were discussed by J. P. Bridges of the Luling Signal, T. J. Middleton of the Waxahachie Mirror, J. H. Cullom of the Garland News and W. H. Orr of the Itasca Mail. Mrs. R. S. Bryarly also spoke to the subject.

T. J. Middleton of the Waxahachie Mirror offered the following, which was referred to the committee on resolutions:

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association earnestly recommends to those of its members using the ready print plan to reject all advertisements, except such as they themselves furnish, giving this plan a trial for at least one year."

S. M. Vernon being absent, his paper, "The Country Weekly," was read by John H. Cullom. Mrs. Julia Truitt Bishop presented a paper on "The General Tone of the Country Weekly." P. H. Pardue delivered an address upon the subject, "Country Weekly." Mrs. R. S. Bryarly read a paper on the subject, "The Model Country Weekly." William Ferguson of the San Antonio Democrat talked upon "Newspaper Controversies and Personal Journalism." He was followed by R. M. Johnston who discussed Mr. Ferguson's theme. A paper was read by Sam T. Jones of the Uvalde Herald on the same subject.

Secretary Fred B. Robinson stated in his report that more interest had been manifested in the Association during the past year, and more new members enrolled at this meeting, than at any preceding annual convention.

J. P. Bridges of the Luling Signal offered this resolu-



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tion which was unanimously adopted: "That the members of the Texas Press Association, appreciating the misfortunes of those confined in the Southwestern Insane Asylum at San Antonio, agree to mail, regularly, copies of their papers to the reading room of that institution, and to aid through their papers in securing donations for the Asylum library."

A resolution by W. D. Cox of the Bryan Eagle extending sympathy to the San Antonio Democrat which had twice suffered complete destruction of its plant by fire, and commending the "gigantic efforts they have made to maintain a clear and bright paper and the admirable manner in which they have succeeded," was unanimously adopted.

Fifty dollars was voted for the benefit of the Printers' Home at Colorado Springs.

The following appeal for aid was read and an appropriation of \$50 was made in answer thereto:

### "To the People of Texas."

"For three years the counties of Starr, Hidalgo, and portions of Zapata and Duval have been subjected to a drouth of such severity as to render the production of the necessities of life impossible.

"The season for planting is passed and we are entering upon the fourth year of distress with no hope of relief unless rain can be obtained in the month of June, thus securing a light fall crop.

"The loss of stock, the depreciation in values of all kinds of property, the inability of ranchmen to procure money for payment of taxes, a depleted county treasury, the prevalence of smallpox through a section extending from San Ignacio in Zapata county to Rio Grande City in Starr county, and the baleful effects of the Garza revolution, all combined, have produced a destitution hitherto unknown. Some of the people are using the fresh flesh of cattle that have died from



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disease or starvation and others are drying the meat for future use.

"The famine district contains a population estimated at fifteen or twenty thousand persons; it is safe to say that one-fifth of this number require assistance, while the resources of the balance of the population are only adequate to maintain themselves and families.

"In vain we have appealed to the State for aid, and we now appeal to the charitable for contributions of corn, supplies and such other aid as they feel disposed to give.

"We respectfully ask that the press throughout the State give at least one insertion of this appeal."

The following offered by W. A. Shaw of the Texas Farmer was adopted:

"Whereas, The railroads centering in Texas, and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway in particular, have done and are doing much towards attracting immigration and capital to our State, by scattering broadcast over the country valuable descriptive and statistical literature, prepared with much care and published and circulated at great cost to said railroads; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the press of Texas endorse the course of said roads in the prosecution of this work, and heartily co-operate with them to the end that the great natural resources of Texas may be developed and utilized."

The annual poem, dedicated to San Antonio, the original composition of the talented Miss Virginia Gordon Rock of the Woodville Eureka, was received with much applause. T. J. Middleton of the Waxahachie Mirror read a paper on "The Public and the Press."

The following officers were elected:

President—John H. Copeland, San Antonio News;

First Vice President—A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle;

Second Vice President—Frank P. Holland, Farm and Ranch, Dallas;

Third Vice President—W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger;



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Secretary—Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item;  
Treasurer—Tom B. Johnson, San Antonio Light.  
Executive Committee:

First District—R. M. Johnston, Houston Post;  
Second District—Alex Wynne, Beaumont Enterprise;  
Third District—J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Banner;  
Fourth District—F. H. Gaines, Paris News;  
Fifth District—B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer;  
Sixth District—W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas;  
Seventh District—J. D. Shaw, Independent Pulpit, Waco;  
Eighth District—J. C. Son, Palo Pinto Star;  
Ninth District—Mrs. Julia Truitt Bishop, Home Corner, Austin;  
Tenth District—Hamilton Stuart, Galveston News;  
Eleventh District—Sam T. Jones, Uvalde Herald;  
Twelfth District—R. W. Coleman, San Antonio Truth;  
Thirteenth District—Mrs. M. R. Walton, Ft. Worth Gazette.

A gold headed cane was presented to Retiring President Mitchell. Strong resolutions in regard to the killing of W. C. Bowen, editor of the Cotulla Ledger, and denouncing "the strange verdict of an American jury" were adopted. Dallas was elected as the next place of meeting over Llano and Galveston, Houston having been withdrawn.

The following were appointed delegates to the National Editorial Association to be held at San Francisco, California: Mrs. L. E. Foute, A. B. Norton, F. Brady, J. L. Watson, Alex Wynne, J. C. Reubell, J. D. Slawson, G. W. Rose, W. H. Neel, A. C. Valdez, G. M. Martin, F. M. McCaleb, W. D. Cox, J. H. Copeland, B. C. Murray, N. A. Cravens, T. B. Johnson, F. P. Holland, E. E. Overall, G. M. Lassater, Mrs. M. R. Walton, R. W. Coleman, F. B. Robinson.

Excursions were made to Rockport, Aransas Pass and Velasco. Gold headed canes were presented to W. A. Bowen and C. A. Edwards by the excursionists.



## Fourteenth Annual Convention—1893

THE fourteenth annual convention was held in the city of Dallas beginning May 9, 1893. It was called to order in the City Hall by President Copeland of the San Antonio Chronicle. The address of welcome was by Dr. A. M. Cochran, acting for Mayor Connor who was unable to be present. President Copeland responded to the address of welcome.

At roll call the following responded:

W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger; F. B. Baillio, Cleburne Review; D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer; Wm. C. Blakeslee, Hallettsville New Era; Mrs. C. Bryarly, Center Champion Press; H. D. Cadwell, Gainesville Signal; Mrs. L. C. Clifton, Farmersville Times; J. H. Copeland, San Antonio Chronicle; A. S. Crisp, Cuero Star; W. D. Cox, Bryan Eagle; Chas. Culmore, Houston Daily Press; J. W. Dale, Iowa Park Texan; W. W. Dexter, Ft. Worth Trade Review; O. F. Dornblaser, Grandview Sentinel; Chas. A. Edwards, Velasco Times; Wm. Foster, Decatur Messenger; F. H. Gaines, Paris News; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; Perry Hawkins, Taylor Journal; R. M. Johnston, Houston Post; T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; D. C. Kolp, Iowa Park Center; L. D. Lillard, Fairfield Recorder; W. L. Malone, Fort Worth Gazette; Geo. M. Martin, Pleasanton Monitor; T. W. McConnell, Sunset Signal; Geo. A. McNaughton, Hayes County Times; J. G. Murphy, San Angelo Standard; A. B. Norton, Dallas Intelligencer; E. E. Overall, Stockman and Farmer, San Antonio; O. Paget, Merchants and Manufacturers' Journal, Dallas; P. H. Pardue, Waxahachie Democrat; E. S. Peters, Calvert Citizen-Democrat; Mark Riley, Brackett News; J. C. Reubell, Wolfe City Sun; J. D. Shaw, Waco Independent Pulpit; W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas; F. C. Thompson, McKinney Democrat; S. M. Vernon, Comanche Chief; N. G. Watts, Omaha Siftings; R. Wilson, Lockhart Register, Alex Wynne, Beaumont Enterprise; W. D. Adams, Forney Tribune; D. W. Barnhill, Uvalde News; Mrs. Julia Truitt Bishop, Austin Home Corner; O. W. Bradley, Arlington Herald; J. B. Cranfill, Baptist Standard, Waco; S. M. Carleton, Ennis Review; G. W. Coleman, Henrietta Independent; N. A. Cravens, Willis Index; M. J. Cox, Midland Gazette; J. H. Cullom, Garland News; Mrs. Fannie Culmore, Houston Daily Press; J. H. Davis, Sulphur Springs Alliance Vindicator; F. Doremus, Dallas News; W. C. Easterling, Del Rio Record; S. P. Evans, Van Alstyne News; W. E. Foster, Canton Telephone; C. E. Gilbert, Dallas Times-Herald; E. W. Harris, Greenville Herald; F. P. Holland, Farm and Ranch; R. C. Johnson, Galveston Opera Glass; J. O. Jones, Mexia Ledger; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; F. A. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette; H. W. Manson, Rockwall Success; T. J. Middleton, Waxahachie Mirror; J. E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; W. H. Neel, Dublin Leader; W. H. Orr, Itasca Mail; J. A. Padon, Longview Clarion; J. S. Penn, Laredo Times; T. W. Perkins, Wylie Rustler; G. F. Pierson, Henrietta Chieftain; R. A. Musgrove, Sweetwater Review; Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle; H. J. Strickfaden, Henrietta Herald; A. C. Valdez, San Antonio El Herald; Mrs. M. R. Walton, Fort Worth Gazette;



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H. E. Wilson, Taylor Texan; James Williams, Denton Chronicle; Chas. F. Yeager, Waxahachie Enterprise.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolutions—J. H. Davis, H. P. Jones, D. L. Beach, Alex Wynne, E. W. Harris;

Revision of Roll—W. A. Adair, Mrs. C. Bryarly, R. Wilson, R. A. Musgrove, G. A. McNaughton, F. M. McCaleb;

Membership—W. A. Shaw, Mark Riley, H. W. Manson, C. F. Lehmann, Perry Hawkins;

Constitution—P. H. Pardue, T. W. Perkins, J. B. Cranfill, A. C. Valdez, M. J. Cox, W. E. Gilliland;

Finance—R. M. Johnston, Mrs. Julia Truitt Bishop, T. J. Middleton, C. F. Yeager, B. C. Murray;

Memorials—O. Paget, Mrs. M. R. Walton, H. D. Cadwell, O. F. Dornblaser, J. D. Shaw.

An invitation from the Dallas News was received, inviting the editors to visit its plant and witness the operation of its new Inset press.

The executive committee reported its belief that the interests and finances of the Association were in splendid condition. It also stated that an excursion at the close of the convention had been arranged to the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. This was accomplished through the efforts of a sub-committee appointed for the purpose, consisting of Frank P. Holland, W. A. Shaw, A. C. Scurlock and the secretary. The route selected was via the Texas and Pacific, Iron Mountain and Wabash railways.

The secretary reported \$602 collected as fees and dues. The treasurer's report showed \$626.25 collected and \$424.10 expended, leaving a balance of \$202.15 on hand. The treasurer further reported that his report did not include the \$602 paid him by the secretary at this meeting; that after deducting \$284.60 for the expenses and appropriations voted at this convention there would remain a balance of approximately \$519.55.

The following were elected to membership:



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J. R. Briggs, Dallas Health Journal; J. L. Wilson, Sherman Courier; S. A. Fishburn, Dallas Sunday Sandwich; W. S. Arnold, Lampasas Dispatch; J. R. Rose, Texas and Southwestern Railroad Guide; Mrs. Olive B. Lee, Current Topics, Dallas; S. R. Boyd, Hubbard Pick and Pan; R. B. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette; Ocie Speer, Roby Call; W. L. Sargent, Courier Observer, Corsicana; Mrs. Annie Smythe, Longview Clarion; Robert Carver, Greenville Banner; R. W. Hearn, Bremond Star; W. M. Warlick, Arlington Democrat; Pitt Henslee, Merkel Mail; G. E. Bovee, Abilene Gossip; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; Geo. H. Black, Lafayette Iron Record; M. M. Williams, Taylor Sentinel; D. O. Lively, Dallas Times-Herald; Marcus Boren, Carthage Watchman; John F. Houx, Hempstead News; Mark Hamilton, Tyler Democrat and Reporter; A. L. Kemper, Comanche Exponent; L. Seabrook, Port Lavaca Port Lavacaen; T. S. Hamilton, Italy News; H. H. Childers, Waco Day-Globe; Henry Hutchins, Austin Evening News; Milton Park, Dallas Mercury; Chas. Boner, Montague Democrat; T. J. Carraway, Nacogdoches Star-News; John Church, McKinney Examiner; J. L. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; Lee J. Rountree, Kyle Star-Vindicator; L. A. McCollister, Gordon Courier; Joe Taylor, Clarksville Times; Rosser Thomas, Hillsboro Reflector; D. S. Mayes, Whitney Messenger; W. S. Givens, Hillsboro Register; L. Blaylock, Texas Christian Advocate; Ed J. Keist, Dallas Guide; J. T. Robison, Kosse Cyclone; A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Light; R. W. Martin, Gatesville Messenger; G. B. Harris, Bruceville Herald; Chas. W. Gordon; Franklin Central Texan; Miss May Foster, Laredo News; J. S. Poyner, Bartlett Democrat; Eugene Moore, Stephenville Empire; G. O. Hunter, Sherman Democrat; B. L. Cornwell, Midlothian Argus; W. W. Anderson, Velasco World; W. J. Douglass, Victoria Review; John R. Hedges, Dallas News; Daniel Cruz, San Antonio El Haraldo.

On motion of the secretary permission was given Mrs. Isadore Miner to transfer her membership from the Michigan to the Texas Press Association.

Frank P. Holland offered the following which was adopted:

"Recognizing the importance of educating and encouraging the people of Texas to beautify and make comfortable their homes, we, the members of the Texas Press Association, hereby pledge ourselves to lend our influence in advancing the horticultural development of Texas. The object of the State Horticultural Society is to encourage this development, and we hereby request every member of the Press Association to give notice through his paper of the meeting of the State Horticultural Society, to be held at Rockport, on June 20, next."

A communication was received from Charles A. McLean, mayor of Laredo, inviting the Association to hold its next meeting in that city. Colonel John N. Simpson, presi-



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dent of the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition, invited the editors to visit the Fair grounds at 4 p. m., Thursday, where a "spread" would be prepared.

W. A. Shaw, F. P. Holland, John H. Cullom and W. E. Gilliland were appointed a committee to devise ways and means of assisting Frank Vernon of the Cisco Round-Up in his affliction and distress and report their findings to the Association on the morrow, which they did as follows:

"We, your committee appointed to recommend the best method of assisting our fellow member, Frank Vernon of the Cisco Round-Up, whose office was recently destroyed and himself and wife seriously injured by a destructive cyclone, beg leave to report as follows:

"We recommend that a donation of \$100.00 in cash be made from the treasury to Bro. Vernon, and that a committee of two be appointed to solicit personal subscriptions for his benefit, the committee to be composed of W. E. Gilliland and S. M. Vernon."

T. J. Middleton moved that \$300 additional be donated to Mr. Vernon, but the motion failed to carry.

Papers were read by Mesdames Julia Truitt Bishop, R. S. Bryarly, and M. R. Walton on "Woman's Achievements and Inspirations in Journalism."

Mrs. A. H. Mohl of the Houston Post made an address in regard to woman's connection with the press, and announced that the ladies engaged in journalistic and literary work in the State would meet in the parlors of the Winsor hotel at 3 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a press association of their own.

Perry Hawkins of the Taylor Journal made an address on the subject of "Women in the Field of Journalism" in which he referred very tenderly and lovingly to the ladies and said they had proved a success in everything they had so far attempted, and the field of journalism was no exception. But he did not believe they had received the encourage-



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ment their abilities deserved. He said his exchanges which had female writers were always the first read. He, however, discouraged the movement on foot to organize a separate association of the women, asserting that their presence at the conventions of the men had a tendency to banish wine from the banquets.

W. A. Shaw of the Texas Farmer made an address on "The Newspaper Man as a Legislator" and said, in substance, that the newspaper man who runs for office has not the proper conception of the high calling of journalism. If the office sought the man the case might be different, but the office never seeks. The editor who has not behind his business a conviction of duty to his patrons is unworthy to be called an editor, and it would perhaps be better if he did not run for the legislature. He thought the editor could do more good by staying at home and editing his paper in a fearless and independent manner than by going to the legislature, since he can through his paper compel a better administration of public affairs from constable up to president, and thus bring about a better civilization, "which the Lord knows is sadly enough needed," while as a legislator he can do no good whatever.

President Copeland announced to the Association an invitation to attend the meeting of the woman suffragists at the Knights of Pythias hall. R. M. Johnston of the Houston Post did not object to acceptance of the invitation if the object and intention of it was that the Association was to attend merely as spectators. Judge A. B. Norton of Norton's Intelligencer said, "the dearest of all objects is woman;" and as such an invitation had been extended, he moved it be accepted with thanks.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle;

First Vice President—Frank P. Holland, Texas Farm and Ranch, Dallas;

Second Vice President—W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger;



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Third Vice President—John H. Cullom, Garland News;

Secretary—Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item;

Treasurer—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light.

Executive Committee:

First District—N. A. Cravens, Willis Index;

Second District—Alex Wynne, Beaumont Enterprise;

Third District—E. W. Harris, Clarksville Herald;

Fourth District—J. J. Taylor, Clarksville Times;

Fifth District—B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer;

Sixth District—Frank Doremus, Dallas News;

Seventh District—J. D. Shaw, Waco Independent Pulpit;

Eighth District—S. M. Vernon, Comanche Chief;

Ninth District—J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner;

Tenth District—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Eleventh District—A. S. Crisp, Cuero Star;

Twelfth District—J. G. Murphy, San Angelo Standard;

Thirteenth District—H. J. Strickfaden, Henrietta Herald.

Mrs. Nellie Paget, at earnest solicitation, had prepared an original poem for the occasion, but being unavoidably absent, the poem was read by her husband, O. Paget. The subject, "Light—The Press." A paper was read by O. F. Dornblaser of the Grandview Sentinel on the "Duties of the Press."

Keist & Myers announced that they were publishing a paper, "The Guide," in the interest of the craft and offered to publish free all communications and matters pertaining to the Association and solicited from members all matter bearing upon the good and welfare of the craft.

W. E. Gilliland, for the committee on Constitution and By-Laws presented the following:

"Resolved, That the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association be so amended as to read as follows:

"Article III. All bona fide proprietors or editors of newspapers or periodicals published in Texas, not less frequently than once a month, and which have been in existence not less than three months, shall be entitled to membership in the Association; provided, said applicant has been connected with said publication, either as editor or proprietor,



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for a period of not less than three months; provided, further, that this article shall not be so construed as to debar acknowledged professional newspaper men, who are members of this Association, but temporarily out of the business or employment and now engaged in other business, from being placed on the honorary membership roll of this Association, and from being restored to full membership, by returning to active newspaper work, without further action of this body; provided, that regular dues shall be collected from such honorary members upon their return to the Association for the full time as if an active member; and, further, that members so temporarily retiring shall immediately inform the secretary of the Association of said retirement, and also of his return to active work. The election for membership shall in all cases be by ballot—three black ballots shall reject—and no motion shall be made to evade this provision. And, provided, further, all ex-presidents of this Association shall be eligible to membership in this Association.”

After inserting, on motion of L. D. Lillard, the word “subscription” before the word “newspapers,” the report was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted a resolution which provided that members of the Association who are not actively engaged in newspaper work, or who are not so situated as to be able to render *quid pro con* to railroads for courtesies extended on account of membership in the Association, should not be entitled to such courtesies.

President Copeland said the resolution was out of order, that the Constitution prescribed who were eligible to membership, and members of the Association were all equally entitled to courtesies. Perry Hawkins was of opinion that when a member of the Association in good standing makes application to the railroads for transportation, the railroads grant it on the reciprocity idea and expect to be paid in advertising; when a man, whose connection with



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newspaper work is transient, becomes a member of the Association, and because of such membership requests courtesies which he is not able to return, then to that extent the organization is compromised. He concluded: "I do not favor the idea of getting something for nothing." D. C. Kolp opposed the resolution on the ground that: "If we are members we are members; and the Constitution is broad enough and explicit enough to protect the Association." He considered the resolution in the nature of "class legislation." In support of the resolution Frank P. Holland said: "The railroads extend these courtesies to the press because they expect to get paid for them in advertising. This Association does not want to accept anything that it can not pay for; whenever it does, then I am no longer a member." R. Wilson of the Lockhart Register indorsed Holland's position.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

B. L. Cornwell of the Midlothian Argus announced that Ellis county, with the largest weekly press of any county in the State, had a flourishing county press association. It was announced that Montague county, with nine weekly papers, had a similar organization. Fort Worth was elected as the next place of meeting over Waco, Laredo and Lampasas.

Frank P. Holland addressed the convention on "The Press and the World's Fair, and How to Make the Most of Our Time There."

A resolution was adopted pledging the Association, in the future as in the past, to give unqualified indorsement and support to the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition; and to urge upon the people of the entire State the imperative necessity of their hearty co-operation and support.

The following was adopted, unanimously:

"Whereas, A combination or trust of twenty-three type founders has been formed in this country which, according to the statement of its western manager, failed of being an



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absolute monopoly only because of the failure of its proprietors to induce three or four type founders to join it; and

"Whereas, We believe the said organization to be an illegal body, hostile alike to the laws of the land and to the instincts and best interests of the people, since its evident purpose, self-confessed in its prospectus issued for the purpose of inducing investors to purchase stock, is to largely advance prices of printers' material; and

"Whereas, There is in Chicago one large type foundry, and in New York and Philadelphia three other independent foundries which have refused to join this trust; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we pledge to the independent foundries our support in their fight against the combination, so long as they shall maintain their independent attitude; and that we will, with our patronage and, so far as we can influence it, with the patronage of our craft in general, uphold them and rebuke the trust for this attempt to take our business by the throat and to extort from us exorbitant rates for their goods; and be it further

"Resolved, That so long as the independent foundries do not advance prices but meet us in a fair spirit of concession, we will not be induced by temporary large reductions in prices on the part of the trust to thus aid them in crushing out opposition and establishing a monopoly."

A resolution was adopted expressing appreciation of the great work Dr. R. C. Buckner was accomplishing in providing a home for and educating dependent orphans, and asking the members of the Association to give as much space as possible in the interest of Buckner's Orphans Home.

The entertainment at the Fair Grounds was a pleasant affair, punctuated by eloquence and a good time generally.

Memorial resolutions were adopted in memory of J. P. Bridges, R. W. Coleman, J. F. Mitchell, Miss Virginia Gordon Rock and J. J. Haggarty.



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The motion of Perry Hawkins that \$50 be donated out of the Association treasury to Buckner's Orphans Home being opposed, the motion was withdrawn after several amendments had been offered. Thereupon Frank P. Holland stated that he had incurred an expense of fully \$50 in arranging for the Chicago excursion and requested that said sum be granted him from the treasury. Warrant for same having been issued, Holland said he would donate the amount to the Home. W. A. Shaw said he approved Holland's liberality but protested against any credit being given therefor to the Association. It was finally decided that Holland could donate the money, but not in the name of the Association.

On motion of B. C. Murray the following was adopted:

"Amend second line of Article III of the Constitution so as to hereafter read as follows: 'And an annual due of \$1' instead of an annual due of \$2."

The following were appointed as delegates to the National Editorial Association: Frank P. Holland, A. B. Norton, J. L. Watson, C. F. Lehmann, A. C. Valdez, S. M. Vernon, Alex Wynne, W. S. Arnold, Will H. Sargent, E. S. Peters.

The excursion was to the World's Fair at Chicago and was said to have been the most largely attended and one of the most enjoyable ever taken by the Association.



## Fifteenth Annual Convention—1894

THE fifteenth annual convention was held in the City Hall in Fort Worth beginning June 26, 1894. It was called to order by President A. C. Scurlock of the Cleburne Chronicle. The invocation was by Rev. M. W. Daggett of Fort Worth. The address of welcome was delivered by George B. Loving of the Fort Worth Live Stock Journal. Response to the address of welcome was by President Scurlock.

On call of the roll the following responded:

W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger; L. Blaylock, Texas Christian Advocate; Robert Carver, Greenville Banner; J. B. Cranfill, Waco Baptist Standard; W. D. Cox, Temple Tribune; Chas. Culmore, Houston Daily Press; J. W. Dale, Denton Baptist Visitor; F. Doremus, Dallas News; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; J. S. Hart, El Paso Times; John Hoeny, Jr., Abilene Reporter; R. M. Johnston, Houston Post; I. V. Jolly, Lewisville Our Church Helper; A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Light; E. J. Keist, Dallas Publishers Guide; D. O. Lively, Dallas Dispatch; Mrs. Isadore Miner, Dallas News; S. H. McBride, Victoria Advocate; W. B. Newton, Vernon Texan; Milton Park, Dallas Mercury; T. W. Perkins, Wylie Rustler; G. F. Pierson, Fort Worth Gazette; J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner; Lee J. Rountree, Kyle Star-Vindicator; W. L. Sargent, Corsicana Observer; A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle; Mrs. A. E. Smythe, Dallas ———; J. L. McCaleb; Carrizo Springs Javelin; R. A. Musgrove, Sweetwater Review; H. J. Strickfaden, Henrietta Herald; F. C. Thompson, McKinney Democrat; A. C. Valdez, San Antonio El Heraldo; Mrs. M. R. Walton, Fort Worth Gazette; R. Wilson, Lockhart Register; Alex Wynne, Beaumont Enterprise; F. B. Baillio, Alvarado Bulletin; H. D. Cadwell, Gainesville Signal; B. L. Cornwell, Midlothian Argus; M. J. Cox, Mesquite Mesquiter; John H. Cullom, Garland News; Mrs. Fannie Culmore, Houston Daily Press; W. W. Dexter, Houston Trade Review; W. J. Douglass, Yoakum Graphic; R. W. Haltom, Nacogdoches Chronicle; Pitt Henslee, Merkel Mail; F. P. Holland, Texas Farm and Ranch; T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; H. P. Jones, Milford Courier; A. M. Kennedy, Mexia Ledger; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; H. W. Manson, Rockwall Success; T. J. Middleton, Waxahachie Mirror; W. H. Neel, Dublin Leader; P. H. Pardue, Waxahachie Democrat; S. F. Perry, Florence Reporter; E. S. Peters, Calvert Citizen-Democrat; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; G. W. Rose, Cisco Round-Up; Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; J. Y. Schenck, Caddo, I. T., Banner; J. D. Shaw, Waco Independent Pulpit; J. C. Son, Palo Pinto Star; L. A. McCollister, Gordon Courier; Eugene Moore, Stephenville Empire; Joe J. Taylor, Clarksville Times; Frank Vernon, Cisco Round-Up; S. M. Vernon, Comanche Chief; W. M. Warlick, Dallas Democrat; James Williams, Denton Chronicle.

The following committees were appointed:



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Membership—C. F. Lehmann, J. G. Rankin, H. J. Strickfaden, W. J. Douglas;

Constitution and By-Laws—R. M. Johnston, F. B. Bailio, H. P. Jones, W. W. Dexter, Lee J. Rountree;

Resolutions—R. Wilson, J. D. Shaw, H. D. Cadwell, R. W. Haltom, John Hoeny, Jr.;

Revision of Roll—W. E. Gilliland, Alex Wynne, J. R. Ransone, Jr., J. W. Dale;

Finance—E. G. Senter, Frank Vernon, M. J. Cox, W. A. Adair, John H. Cullom.

The executive committee reported that an excursion at the close of the convention had been arranged to Asbury Park, New Jersey, the route to be over the Texas and Pacific, Iron Mountain, Big Four, Lake Shore, and New York Central railways. The executive committee further reported that they had decided that the order passed at the last annual convention reducing the dues to one dollar a year had not been passed in a legal way, and that they, the executive committee, had instructed the secretary to collect two dollars, as heretofore, unless other action was taken by the Association.

The report of the secretary showed that \$268 had been collected as dues and fees. It further showed that he had taken advantage of an order of the Association which had fallen into disuse, and had issued bulletins warning the members against known frauds and doubtful pay advertisers, together with such other matters as were deemed of interest to the craft. He was requested to continue the good work. The treasurer reported a balance of \$295.55 on hand.

The following were elected to membership:

Will C. Perry, Ennis Meteor; H. E. Burns, Wylie Rustler; Lee Lankford, Sealy News; E. G. Senter, Fort Worth Gazette; C. B. Gillespie, Forney Tribune; T. G. McIlvain, Itasca Mail; Will G. Durrutt, Waxahachie Times; J. L. Robinson, Jewett Messenger; Miss Augusta Wilson, Timpson Times; Mrs. Virginia Q. Goff, Dallas Times-Herald; Miss Sallie Herndon, Stephenville Journal; W. P. Blake, Clarendon Industrial West; Miss Lelia Trumbull, Hutto Church Helper; E. K. Atwood, Cotulla Ledger; W. J. Buie, Whitewright Plow and Hammer; J. K. P. Shirley, Parker County News; Miss E. Hendrick, Smithville Times; Geo. B. Lov-



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ing, Fort Worth Stock Journal; Miss Margaret Bruin, Waxahachie Times; W. A. Johnson, Hall County Herald.

Lee J. Rountree having preferred charges against \* \* \*, a former president of the Association, the charges were referred to a committee consisting of John H. Cullom, F. B. Baillio and J. D. Shaw. The report of the committee was to the effect that "inasmuch as the said \* \* \* had not paid his annual dues, and for other causes known to the members of this body, and for other causes not necessary here to recite, this committee recommends that the name of the said \* \* \* be, and is hereby, stricken from the roll of membership of the Texas Press Association; and that he be no longer considered a member of this Association, honorary or otherwise." The committee further reported that "after careful consideration of the status of \* \* \*, and the laws applicable to his case, in its opinion he is not eligible to membership under the clause in the Constitution alluding to ex-presidents." After discussion, the report of the committee was adopted without dissent.

W. E. Gilliland offered an amendment to the Constitution providing that the initiation fee be fixed at \$10 and the annual dues be reduced from \$2 to \$1. This was referred to the committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

A reception was attended at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Silliman where a beautiful silk flag of the State of Texas was presented to the Association by those good people. The flag was received by J. D. Shaw, for the Association, in an eloquent and patriotic speech.

F. B. Baillio read a paper on "The Humanity of the Press." E. G. Senter was on the program for a paper on "The Ethics of the Press." He had not prepared a paper but, in discussing his subject, he said he favored a general standard of ethics for the profession and that, for other things, the press should be guarded from disrepute; that as it now happened, newspaper men were looked upon as menials to do the bidding of the public, some man of which



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sometimes felt at liberty to come to a newspaper office and tell the editor what he should do and what he should or should not say; that the newspapers should be the servants of the whole people and not of any individual. He plead for that financial independence which would put the makers of newspapers in a good position commercially, socially and every other way. He spoke in favor of the personality and individuality of the press which should speak out with a power and a soul that would command respect if it commanded nothing more. Mrs. S. Isadore Miner read a paper on "What Can Be Done to Improve the Average Woman's and Children's Departments in Newspapers?" Mrs. C. Bryarly sent a paper on "The Country Editor's Wife," which was read by Secretary Robinson.

The committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following which was adopted without dissent:

"Resolved, That no one shall be eligible to membership in this Association who does not own a proprietary interest in some newspaper printed in the State of Texas, or is regularly employed or actively engaged in the editorial or business department of such newspaper as a regular business or profession; and it is especially understood that those persons running or conducting department pages and columns of any nature whatsoever are not considered as eligible members of this Association."

Waco was selected as the next place of meeting, Dallas having been withdrawn.

The committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following which was adopted:

"We submit for your consideration and action, and without any recommendation on our part, the following substitute for Article VIII of the Constitution which was referred to us:

"Every member shall pay an initiation fee of \$10 and an annual due of \$1 for the use of this Association, the \$11



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to accompany each application. All members who fail to comply with this requirement and are one year in arrears, after sixty days previous notice by the secretary of said Association, shall be stricken from the rolls."

A poem by James Graham of Nashville, Tennessee, "The Country Editor," was read, by request, by Miss Mary Malone. S. M. Vernon read a paper on the "Ethics of Journalism." John G. Rankin read a paper on "In How Small a Town Will a Daily Newspaper Pay?"

The committee on necrology submitted resolutions in regard to the deaths of Judge A. B. Norton, Colonel W. L. Malone, Mrs. Laura E. Foute, and G. R. Parsons. Also resolutions of sympathy with B. C. Murray in the death of his wife, Mrs. Amanda Murray; and with L. D. Lillard in the death of his wife.

The following officers were elected:

President—Frank P. Holland, Texas Farm and Ranch, Dallas;

First Vice President—W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger;

Second Vice President—John H. Cullom, Garland News;

Third Vice President—F. B. Baillio, Alvarado Bulletin;

Secretary—Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item;

Treasurer—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light.

Executive Committee:

First District—L. D. Lillard, Fairfield Recorder;

Second District—Alex Wynne, Beaumont Enterprise;

Third District—Robert Carver, Greenville Banner;

Fourth District—J. J. Taylor, Clarksville Times;

Fifth District—B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer;

Sixth District—J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise;

Seventh District—E. S. Peters, Calvert Citizen-Democrat;

Eighth District—W. H. Neel, Dublin Leader;

Ninth District—J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner;

Tenth District—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Eleventh District—L. Seabrook, Port Lavaca Port Lavacaen;

Twelfth District—W. A. Guthrie, San Angelo Standard;

Thirteenth District—R. A. Musgrove, Sweetwater Review.

The following was adopted unanimously:

"Whereas, The management of the State Fair is putting



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forth every effort this season to present an entertainment that will in all respects excel that of previous years; and

"Whereas, The State Fair is deserving the aid and encouragement of all patriotic citizens, since the benefits that accrue therefrom are distributed throughout the State; be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting to give our unanimous indorsement to the Fair management in their work, and that whatever aid or assistance we can render the same will be cheerfully given with the hope that the grandest of all fairs may be given this fall and the result, in every respect, prove a success financially and otherwise."

After lengthy discussion, the following by R. M. Johnston, was adopted:

"Whereas, It is believed that the best and truest interests of this organization will be subserved by eliminating the seemingly all dominant excursion idea; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That it is the wish of this Association that no general excursion be prepared or solicited for the next two years; or, at least, that the excursion idea be eliminated from the Association sessions."

The motion of W. D. Cox that the second Tuesday in May each year be fixed as the time for the annual conventions was adopted without opposition.

W. E. Gilliland read a paper on "The Use of the Scissors."

Rev. Dr. R. C. Buckner of Buckner's Orphans Home addressed the convention, saying among other things that while he was father to 350 little orphans, more than 1,000 in the State called him "father;" he thanked the press for the many kind favors rendered the Home and expressed gratification at the good work being done in the interest of education by the editors of Texas. He made a strong plea for the Home, presenting facts and figures of interest concerning its workings. A collection was taken and a neat sum was raised for the Home. Rev. G. W. Armstrong complimented



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the editors on the good work being done and expressed special gratification at woman's prominence in Texas journalism, and said from this fact he anticipated much good.

The following by the committee on resolutions was adopted:

"Whereas, The Woman's Press Association has honored the Texas Press Association by holding its annual convention at the same time and place with it; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association appreciate their efforts for the betterment of the Texas press in all departments; and that we wish for them great success in the maintenance and perpetuation of their organization."

After the reading of an editorial from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, entitled "The Decadence of Texas," Colonel Frank P. Holland offered the following which was adopted:

"Resolved, That we, members of the Texas Press Association, and Texans by birth or adoption, having a more exact knowledge of the conditions that prevail in Texas than can possibly be at the command of a paper that lives to villify the Southland, most emphatically place the seal of our condemnation upon this and similar publications as being calculated, and indeed intended, though this we say with profound regret, to injure the credit, fame and prosperity of Texas, justly the empire State of the South. The assertions of facts relating to the prosperity of the State, or the lessening of its prosperity are unqualifiedly false. We invite all who would learn and know the truth, and who are unwilling to accept the assertions of the children of Texas as true, to come to us and be convinced that the editorial of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of May 8, last, entitled 'The Decadence of Texas' has but little, if any more foundation than the malignancy of a jaundiced mind."

Charges of misconduct were preferred against \* \* \*, and on motion of W. E. Gilliland, \* \* \* was expelled from membership in the Association; and the secretary was in-



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structed to notify the National Editorial Association of the action of this body.

A resolution of sympathy was voted Robert Carver in the death of his wife.

The motion to reconsider the resolution, doing away with annual excursions for the next two years and divorcing the excursion feature from the business meetings, was tabled—21 to 20.

W. D. Cox read a paper on "How to Make Our Annual Meetings More Profitable." Mrs. M. R. Walton read a paper on "Woman's Influence in Journalism."

On motion of Lee J. Rountree, the delegates to the National Editorial Association were instructed, in inviting that organization to hold its next annual convention in Texas, to advocate Dallas as the place of meeting.

The committee on Constitution and by-laws recommended the following which was adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee of four, one of whom shall be the secretary of this Association, be appointed by the President at each annual meeting to take charge of the matter of printing necessary for this Association, making contract for the same, etc."

The following by W. E. Gilliland was adopted:

"Lest any question arise as to the amount of dues to be collected for 1894, be it

"Resolved, That it is distinctly understood the amount to be collected is \$1."

A communication was read from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union returning thanks for many favors in the past throughout the State by individual journals, and asking further aid and assistance.

A gold headed cane was presented to the retiring president.

The excursion was to New York City, Asbury Park, New Jersey, etc., over the Texas and Pacific, Iron Mountain, Big Four, Lake Shore, and N. Y. Central railways.



## Sixteenth Annual Convention—1895

THE sixteenth annual convention was called to order by President Frank P. Holland of the Texas Farm and Ranch at the City Hall in Waco on May 16, 1895. Rev. Frank Page of St. Paul's church delivered the invocation. J. D. Shaw of the Waco Independent Pulpit made the address of welcome which was responded to by Juan S. Hart of the El Paso Times.

The following committees were appointed:

Membership—C. F. Lehmann, R. A. Musgrove, R. C. Johnson, B. C. Murray, F. B. Baillio;

Constitution and By-Laws—W. A. Shaw, Eugene Moore, W. H. Neel, Sam Vernon, John H. Cullom;

Resolutions—J. G. Rankin, J. L. Robinson, Mrs. C. Bryarly, J. D. Shaw, C. Valdez;

Revision of Roll—R. Wilson, E. S. Peters, J. R. Ransone, Jr., Frank Gaston, W. L. Sargent;

Finance—Louis Blaylock, M. J. Cox, J. E. Vernor, Frank Vernon, P. H. Pardue.

The following members responded to call of the roll:

W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger; L. Blaylock, Texas Christian Advocate; W. J. Buie, Whitewright Plow and Hammer; H. H. Childers, Houston Post; J. B. Cranfill, Waco Baptist Standard; W. D. Cox, Temple Tribune; J. W. Dale, Decatur Free Press; W. J. Douglas, Yoakum Graphic; J. S. Hart, El Paso Times; F. P. Holland, Texas Farm and Ranch; T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; J. O. Jones, Mexia Courier; E. J. Keist, Dallas Publishers' Guide; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; H. W. Manson, Rockwall Success; R. W. Martin, Gatesville Messenger; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; Eugene Moore, Stephenville Empire; W. H. Neel, Dublin Leader; W. H. Orr, El Campo Eagle; Will C. Perry, Ennis Daily Meteor; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; G. W. Rose, Whitesboro News; J. L. Robinson, Lexington Herald; A. C. Scurlock, Cleburne Chronicle; J. D. Shaw, Waco Independent Pulpit; Joe J. Taylor, Clarksville Times; A. C. Valdez, San Antonio El Heraldo; S. M. Vernon, Comanche Chief; J. V. Watkins, Waco Morning News; F. B. Baillio, Alvarado Bulletin; S. R. Boyd, Hubbard City News; Mrs. C. Bryarly, Center Champion Press; B. L. Cornwell, Midlothian Argus; M. J. Cox, Rockwall Register; John H. Cullom, Garland News; F. Doremus, Dallas News; Frank Gaston, Granbury News; Perry Hawkins, Taylor Journal; R. C. Johnson, Galveston Opera Glass; W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald; A. N.



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Justiss, Corsicana Courier-Light; Mrs. Olive B. Lee, Dallas Period; D. O. Lively, Fort Worth Live Stock Journal; Will H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; Mrs. Isadore Miner, Dallas News; R. A. Musgrove, Sweetwater Review; D. J. Moffitt, Pilot Point Post-Mirror; W. B. Newton, Vernon Texan; P. H. Pardue, Waxahachie Democrat; E. S. Peters, Calvert Citizen-Democrat; J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner; F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; W. L. Sargent, Greenville Headlight; E. G. Senter, Fort Worth Gazette; W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas; Frank Vernon, Cisco Round-Up; J. E. Vernor, Goldthwaite Mountaineer; F. B. Whipkey, West Times; R. Wilson, Lockhart Register.

Announcement was made that the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company had placed a long distance telephone booth in the Pacific Hotel for the free use of the members of the Association. An invitation was received from Colonel Parrott insisting that the members visit the Natatorium and bathe free of charge. John M. Connor, on behalf of the Citizen's Railway Company, invited the Association to take a ride over its lines and view the city. W. G. Cooper, chief of the department of promotion of the Cotton States International Exposition of Atlanta, Georgia, extended an invitation to visit Atlanta during the Exposition.

Thanks were extended for all these courtesies, and for flowers presented by E. G. Myers of Dallas for the platform and President's stand.

The finance committee reported \$282.10 on hand after all expenses had been paid.

The following were elected to membership:

B. F. Oliver, Farmersville Times; Edgar Rye, Graham Register; R. R. Lively, Colorado City Times; Henry Muller, Brenham Volksblatt; J. F. Crouch, Killeen Herald.

Having asked for transportation for the members of the Association to the Confederate Veterans' Reunion at Houston, President Holland had the following telegram read:

"Dallas, Texas, May 16.—F. P. Holland, care J. E. Smith, Waco, Texas: In your message this morning I am surprised that you even asked me if I would grant the courtesies of our line to the press. You know at all times, as president, you can talk for the Katy. Promise them anything you like and I will fill your obligations. Advise me how many will go to



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Houston and I will send transportation to our agent to deliver to them on your request.

(Signed) W. G. CRUSH."

On motion of W. A. Shaw, a committee, consisting of C. N. Ousley, W. A. Shaw, F. P. Holland and R. Wilson, was appointed to draft amendments to the libel law and report to the next meeting of the Association.

The following telegram from the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in session at Hillsboro, was received and read:

"Greeting: Read Proverbs XXVI, 25: 'As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.'"

A resolution was adopted pledging the members of the Association to publish a notice in their paper calling attention to the needs of Rev. W. C. Crawford of Alvarado, the only survivor of the signers of the Declaration of Texas Independence.

Frank Doremus made a talk on the libel law, which was freely discussed.

J. T. Trezevant, president of the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition, stated that the Fair Association desired to offer as a prize a handsome gold watch and chain, or a handsome loving cup, as the winner might elect, for the best article or essay on the Texas State Fair; competition to be open to all newspaper people, men or women, legitimately connected with the press of Texas; the articles to be printed in the papers with which the writers were connected; the Texas Press Association to appoint a committee of three of its members to formulate rules as to the length of the articles and the time of closing the contest. Following Mr. Trezevant, Mrs. S. Isadore Miner addressed the convention on the subject of a woman's building at the Dallas Fair.

The following officers were elected:

President—W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger;

First Vice President—John H. Cullom, Garland News;

Second Vice President—F. B. Baillio, Alvarado Bulletin;



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Third Vice President—S. M. Vernon, Comanche Chief;

Secretary—W. D. Cox, Temple Tribune;

Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald.

Executive Committee:

First District—J. L. Robinson, Lexington Herald;

Second District—T. E. Boren, Carthage Watchman;

Third District—W. L. Sargent, Greenville Headlight;

Fourth District—Joe J. Taylor, Clarksville Times;

Fifth District—B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer;

Sixth District—J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise;

Seventh District—J. D. Shaw, Waco Independent Pulpit;

Eighth District—Frank Gaston, Granbury News;

Ninth District—J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner;

Tenth District—D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer;

Eleventh District—W. J. Douglass, Yoakum Graphic;

Twelfth District—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;

Thirteenth District—R. A. Musgrove, Sweetwater Review.

After a spirited contest, El Paso was elected as the next place of meeting, over Galveston, Brenham, Austin, Greenville, Fort Worth and Tyler.

W. D. Cox, R. M. Johnston, F. B. Robinson and C. F. Lehmann were appointed as the printing committee.

The following were appointed delegates to the National Editorial Association to be held at Jacksonville, Florida: Juan S. Hart, Joe J. Taylor, F. B. Baillio, L. Blaylock, John H. Cullom, J. D. Shaw, W. J. Douglas, F. P. Holland, R. M. Johnston, R. Wilson, B. C. Murray, W. D. Cox, E. S. Peters, R. A. Musgrove, S. M. Vernon, J. R. Ransone, Jr., R. W. Martin, Mrs. Olive B. Lee, W. L. Sargent, A. N. Justiss, C. F. Lehmann, F. B. Robinson, A. C. Scurlock, W. A. Shaw, H. H. Childers, Frank Vernon.

The following offered by D. O. Lively was adopted:

“That the Press Association of Texas looks with growing disfavor upon what is useless and uncalled-for political agitation at this time, as tending to unsettle business conditions and further ward off the present near approach of returning prosperity, and urge upon the people the discussion of methods looking toward developing the resources possess-



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ed by the State, rather than the adjustment of national and international affairs in this, an off year in politics."

The following amendment to the Constitution, offered by F. B. Baillio, was adopted:

"Resolved, That Article V of the Constitution be changed to read as follows:

"The officers of this Association shall be one president, three vice presidents, one secretary, one assistant secretary, one treasurer, one executive committee to be composed of one member from each congressional district, and of which the president shall be ex-officio chairman and the secretary and treasurer ex-officio members. These shall be elected annually by the Association, except the executive committee which shall be appointed by the president; also, except the assistant secretary who shall be appointed by the secretary. There shall also be chosen at each annual meeting an orator, an essayist and a poet, whose duties it shall be to deliver and read at the next annual meeting thereafter, respectively an oration, an essay and a poem."

Indorsement of the Texas State Fair was reaffirmed and the disposition of the members of the Association to continue their assistance toward making it a success was reiterated.

It was decided to attend the Cotton States Exposition at Atlanta, Georgia, leaving Waco, or some other central point, about October 7, going to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, for one day; and probably to Lookout Mountain.

The following offered by John H. Cullom was adopted:

"That the Texas Press Association is in hearty sympathy with the movement for the erection of a woman's building at the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition, and the Texas Press Association will cheerfully lend assistance and encouragement to the worthy enterprise."

Papers were read by:

W. L. Sargent on "The Use of Plate Matter;"



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F. B. Baillio on "How Far Can Publishers Go in Advertising the Big City Weekly in Combination with Their Own Papers at a Reduced Rate?"

A. C. Scurlock on "Collecting Subscriptions and Obtaining Renewals;"

W. A. Adair on "How to Get Advertising That Pays;"

John G. Rankin on "The Use of the Scissors;"

W. D. Cox on "The Country Correspondent;"

John H. Cullom on "The Social Feature of the Press Association;"

Juan H. Hart on "Do Personals Pay?"

Mrs. R. Wilson on "The Editor's Wife;"

J. T. Trezevant on "The Relation of Newspapers and Fairs to the Progress and Prosperity of the Country."

The annual oration, "An Educated, Elevated Journalistic Conscience," was delivered by W. A. (Farmer) Shaw. Mrs. Virginia Quitman McNealus, the poetess, wrote regretting she could not be present to read the annual poem. "The Texas Editor" was the subject of a poem read by Miss Minnie Johnson.

An invitation was extended the National Editorial Association to hold its next annual convention in Texas; and likewise an invitation was extended the National People's Party to hold its convention in Dallas in 1896.

The excursion was to the Confederate Reunion at Houston.



## Seventeenth Annual Convention—1896

THE seventeenth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in the Opera House in the city of El Paso, and was called to order on April 27, 1896, by Vice President John H. Cullom of the Garland News, the President, W. A. Adair of the Marshall Messenger, having moved out of the State. Rev. George M. DuBoise delivered the invocation. Mayor R. F. Campbell made the address of welcome on behalf of the city, while Hon. T. J. Beall welcomed the Association in behalf of the citizens of El Paso. The response to the addresses of welcome was by President Cullom.

The following responded to roll call:

F. B. Baillio, Alvarado Bulletin; D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer; H. W. Brown, Glen Rose Herald; G. W. Coleman, Henrietta Independent; John H. Cullom, Garland News; Mrs. Fannie Culmore, Houston Daily Press; C. W. Gordon, Franklin Central Texan; T. S. Hamilton, Italy News; Perry Hawkins, Taylor Journal; F. P. Holland, Texas Farm and Ranch; W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald; A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Light; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; J. L. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; John E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner; Eugene Moore, Stephenville Empire; W. C. O'Bryan, McGregor Observer; Clarence N. Ousley, Galveston Tribune; Will C. Perry, Ennis Daily Meteor; J. G. Rankin, Brenham Banner; Lee J. Rountree, Kyle Star-Vindicator; Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; J. D. Shaw, Waco Independent Pulpit; Joe J. Taylor, Clarksville Times; Frank Vernon, Cisco Round-Up; S. M. Vernon, Comanche Chief; D. W. Barnhill, Uvalde News; W. P. Blake, Clarendon Industrial West; W. J. Buie, Waxahachie Enterprise; W. D. Cox, Temple Tribune; Charles Culmore, Houston Daily Press; S. P. Evans, Van Alstyne News; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; J. S. Hart, El Paso Times; John Hoeny, Jr., Abilene Reporter; R. C. Johnson, Galveston Opera Glass; J. O. Jones, Waxahachie Light; Mrs. Olive B. Lee, Dallas Period; Mrs. Isadore Miner, Dallas News; J. G. Murphy, San Angelo Standard; L. A. McCollister, Gordon Courier; R. A. Musgrove, Sweetwater Review; W. H. Neel, Dublin Leader; W. H. Orr, El Campo Eagle; P. H. Pardue, Waxahachie Democrat; E. S. Peters, Calvert Citizen-Democrat; Henry Reese, Jr., Gonzales Inquirer; J. T. Robinson, Kosse Cyclone; W. L. Sargent, Greenville Headlight; H. J. Strickfaden, Henrietta Herald; Rosser Thomas, Ladonia News; A. C. Valdez, San Antonio El Heraldo; F. B. Whipkey, West Times.

The following committees were appointed:

Membership—R. A. Musgrove, Frank Vernon, H. J. Strickfaden, E. S. Peters, Perry Hawkins;



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Resolutions—Fred B. Robinson, S. M. Vernon, Will C. Perry, W. A. Johnson, Lee J. Rountree;

Constitution and By-Laws—J. B. Hearst, A. N. Justiss, F. B. Baillio, W. C. O'Bryan, Joe J. Taylor;

Revision of Roll—Frank P. Holland, W. J. Buie, S. P. Evans, T. H. Napier, J. W. Crayton;

Finance—B. C. Murray, J. G. Rankin, Rosser Thomas, J. T. Robinson, H. W. Brown;

Memorial—R. C. Johnson, T. C. McFarland, A. C. Valdez and J. D. Shaw.

The following were elected to membership:

T. H. Napier, Mineola Monitor; Jasper Collins, Carthage Watchman; Miss Pearl Vogel, Velasco Times; M. R. Andrews, Abilene News; E. M. Dodson, Garrison Signal; J. M. Hawkins, El Paso Herald; A. B. Norton, Jr., Dallas Intelligencer; J. C. Welch, Ladonia Times; W. R. Watts, Belden Monitor; Aaron Smith, Mount Pleasant Review; J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal; W. E. Edwards, Henrietta Review; J. A. Escajeda, El Paso Herald; J. T. Bullock, Roby Banner; J. E. Shook, Rusk News.

The following communication was read, ordered incorporated in the minutes and the "young lady" was duly elected to honorary membership:

"Among our membership we have long counted a young man of whom we may well feel proud. Master Adair Cox has brightened the T. P. A. meetings with his presence for several years. We have at the present meeting, also, besides this specimen of rising young America, a very sweet embodiment of the 'New Woman' in Miss Myrtle Vernon, the bright little six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vernon. The young lady attracted no little attention by her progressiveness in attending the last National Press Association in Florida, and for her splendid behavior on the trip. She has endeared herself by her sunny disposition to every member on the trip over the Texas & Pacific, and we, the undersigned, ask that honorary membership be extended to the first 'New Woman' who has been known to behave herself. With the best wishes for regular membership later on, S. Isadore Miner, F. B. Baillio."



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Greenville was elected over Hot Springs as the next place of meeting.

F. P. Holland, Fred B. Robinson and Lee J. Rountree were appointed a committee to investigate charges made by the railroads against members for failing to carry out advertising contracts for transportation. The committee made the following report:

"We, your committee appointed to investigate that portion of the secretary's report with regard to the letter from Mr. L. J. Parks, of the Southern Pacific Railroad, stating that some members had not carried out the terms of the contract, would say that we find under a resolution passed at the Fort Worth meeting that there was no authority to contract for an excursion in the name of this Association; but we believe that all such contracts should have been faithfully carried out and would faithfully recommend that this matter be sifted to the bottom and the secretary be instructed to correspond with Mr. Parks and learn from him the names of all such members and report to this Association at its next meeting that we may take such action as will demonstrate that this Association will not tolerate any dishonorable acts on the part of its members."

A resolution was adopted expressing pleasure that the National Editorial Association would hold its next annual convention at Galveston; and, it being suggested that a refreshment car be prepared to meet the National Editorial specials with refreshments on their arrival in Texas, a subscription was taken and a neat sum realized to carry out the plan.

A feature of this convention was the lavish entertainment of the members of the Association, both by the city and citizens of El Paso and by the Mexican officials in the city of Juarez, where neither pains nor expense were spared, nor cordiality in the least wanting.



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The following officers were elected.

President—F. B. Baillio, Cleburne Review;

First Vice President—S. M. Vernon, Comanche Chief;

Second Vice President—John G. Rankin, Brenham Banner;

Third Vice President—W. L. Sargent, Greenville News;

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Sixth District—John H. Cullom, Garland News;

Seventh District—W. C. O'Bryan, McGregor Observer;

Eighth District—Eugene Moore, Stephenville Empire;

Ninth District—Perry Hawkins, Taylor Journal;

Tenth District—Clarence Ousley, Galveston Tribune;

Eleventh District—D. W. Barnhill, Uvalde News;

Twelfth District—A. C. Valdez, San Antonio El Heraldo;

Thirteenth District—W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald.

John H. Cullom, retiring president, having served as president for almost the entire year, filling out the term of W. A. Adair who had been elected president but had left the State, was declared to be entitled to all the honors of the position "just the same as if he had been elected president in the first place," and was made a life member of the Association.

The following resolution signed by C. F. Lehmann and F. B. Baillio was adopted, and the secretary was instructed to send a copy of same to the two senators and every congressman from Texas:

"Recognizing the friendly relations that exist at El Paso between the Americans of that city and the Mexicans of the city of Juarez, and learning that the earliest inhabitants of the Rio Grande valley placed their homes upon its banks near these cities, we deprecate the injustice done to these citizens of two republics, who for centuries have used the



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waters of the Rio Grande, and are today deprived of them by newly acquired water rights in the north; and the Texas Press Association pledges itself to use its influence to have an international dam erected across the Rio Grande; and that our Texas delegation in Congress be requested to use all honorable means in securing the necessary appropriation for the erection of said dam."

An abstract of the program of this meeting shows papers read as follows:

F. B. Baillio, "Ready Prints and Plate Matter;" Mrs. W. D. Cox, "The Press Bulletin;" Mrs. Fred B. Robinson, "An Editor's Wife on the Pay Roll." The annual poem, "The Editor Up-to-Date," was read by Mrs. Isadore Miner. J. D. Shaw who was to deliver the annual oration excused himself. The excursion was to the City of Mexico.



## Eighteenth Annual Convention—1897

THE eighteenth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was called to order by President F. B. Baillio of the Cleburne Review in Greenville, May 11, 1897. The invocation was by Rev. E. H. Casey, pastor of the Kavanaugh Methodist Church. The address of welcome was delivered by Hon. B. F. Looney and was responded to by President Baillio. There appears to have been a call of the roll but no record was made of those responding.

The president delivered his annual address, saying:

"In the order of business prescribed by the Constitution for our annual meetings, an address by the retiring president is provided for. I have decided that it would be best to make that address at the beginning, rather than at the close of the convention, that you might be given an opportunity to take such action as you may deem best on any suggestion I might offer."

The president's address was, on motion of W. D. Cox, referred to a committee consisting of F. P. Holland, C. F. Lehmann and W. A. Johnson.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance—W. A. Johnson, Sam Vernon, Frank Vernon, M. J. Cox, E. G. Senter;

Necrology—E. W. Harris, Ben F. Oliver, L. A. McCollister, Mrs. W. D. Cox;

Membership—Perry Hawkins, R. Wilson, F. B. Robinson;

Constitution and By-Laws—John H. Cullom, Dr. H. Manson, Will H. Mayes, Mrs. Olive B. Lee, F. C. Thompson;

Resolutions—F. P. Holland, Robt. Carver, B. C. Murray, T. H. Napier, C. F. Lehmann;



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Revision of Roll—Eugene Moore, Jasper Collins, J. R. Ransone, Jr., I. V. Jolly, P. H. Pardue.

On motion of F. P. Holland, the Woman's Press Association, which was also in session in Greenville, was invited to hold a joint session in the evening with the Texas Press Association. W. H. Mayes and S. M. Vernon were appointed to convey this invitation.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company was thanked for the offer of its lines free to the members of the Association.

A resolution by John H. Cullom was adopted expressing deep sorrow at the dangerous illness of Senator Richard Coke and extending sympathy to him and his family in their sorrow and anxiety.

The resolution offered by Frank P. Holland was adopted, providing for the election of a general attorney, at this and all future annual conventions, to act as counsel for the president, the executive, the legislative and other committees of the Association, in any matter or matters requiring legal advice or attention, without named compensation; and that the members of the Association are requested to publish briefly the card of said attorney and, whenever they may require the services of an attorney for foreign business, to place such matters in his hands at the usual fees.

The following were elected to membership:

John M. Weekly, Milford Courier; W. M. Cobb, Smithville Transcript; Thomas B. Lusk, Italy Herald; Lee H. Frazier, Conroe, Our Schools; F. T. Roche, Georgetown Sun; Ernst Goethe, Schulenberg Sticker; W. N. Fury, Paris Advocate.

Papers were read as follows: J. R. Ransone, Jr., "The Business End of a Country Newspaper;" Mrs. Allie Wilson, "Flaws in the Modern Daily;" M. J. Cox, "The Woman Editor's Husband;" Mrs. Isadore Miner (for Mrs. B. N. Taylor of Austin), "Essentials to Literary Success;" Mrs. M. R. Walton, "The Woman's Press;" Mrs. J. R. Ransone, Jr., "The Newspaper As An Educator;" F. B. Robinson, "Foreign Advertising." "The Amenities of Journalism"



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was the subject of the annual essay, by Will H. Mayes.

The following officers were elected:

President—S. M. Vernon, Comanche Chief;  
First Vice President—John G. Rankin, Brenham Banner;  
Second Vice President—Will H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin;  
Third Vice President—R. Wilson, Lockhart Register;  
Secretary—Will H. Neel, Dublin Telephone;  
Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;  
Attorney—E. G. Senter, Dallas.

Executive Committee:

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Second District—J. E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner;  
Third District—T. H. Napier, Winnsboro Wide-Awake;  
Fourth District—Joe J. Taylor, Clarksville Times;  
Fifth District—B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer;  
Sixth District—M. J. Cox, Forney Tribune;  
Seventh District—W. D. Cox, Temple Tribune;  
Eighth District—D. O. Lively, Fort Worth Reporter;  
Ninth District—Perry Hawkins, Taylor Journal;  
Tenth District—D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer;  
Eleventh District—D. W. Barnhill, Uvalde News;  
Twelfth District—W. A. Guthrie, San Angelo Standard;  
Thirteenth District—W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star.

It was determined, on motion of F. P. Holland, that a special meeting of the Association be held in Dallas during the Texas State Fair; and the president and executive committee were instructed to prepare a program for the meeting fully thirty days in advance of the date fixed for that convocation. A motion by Frank Vernon that in the future life members be required to pay dues was adopted. The election of the next place of meeting was postponed until the special meeting set by the Holland resolution to meet in Dallas during the Fair.

The Woman's Press Association held a joint meeting with the Texas Press Association, the presidents of both bodies being seated together on the platform.

Memorial services were held, the principal feature being the eulogy by E. G. Senter on the life and character of former President J. F. Mitchell, deceased.



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The excursion was to Eureka Springs, Arkansas; Tennessee Centennial at Nashville, and to the Mammoth Cave, Kentucky.

### DALLAS MEETING.

The Association met in Dallas in response to the call of President S. M. Vernon and was called to order in the City Hall Oct. 29, 1897. Mayor Bryan T. Barry welcomed the body and President Vernon responded.

It was decided to hold the next annual convention at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, at the same time as the Missouri and Arkansas Press Associations. A committee consisting of W. D. Cox, F. B. Baillio, D. O. Lively, Will H. Mayes, B. C. Murray, S. M. Vernon and Will H. Neel, was appointed to visit Eureka Springs and confer with like committees from the Arkansas and Missouri Associations and arrange for a tri-state meeting.

The following were elected to membership:

J. W. Johnson, Longview Times-Clarion; S. R. Cowan, Lockhart Phonograph; Miss Loutie Harrison, Childress Budget; C. W. Rideout, Plano Star.

The committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following, which was adopted:

"1. Amend Section 5 of the by-laws by adding: 'and the secretary shall notify such member of such suspension, and upon payment of all dues within one year such member may be re-instated.'

"2. That Section 19 be added to the by-laws, as follows: 'Section 19: It shall be the duty of the secretary, under direction of the printing committee, to supervise the printing of the minutes and to distribute same to the members as early after each session of the Association as practicable, and not later than three months after such session.'

"3. That Section 20 be added to the by-laws, as follows: 'Section 20: At each annual session there shall be appointed by the president a committee on legislation, whose



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duty it shall be to inform themselves and keep the members of the Association advised of any pending or impending legislation in which the craft may be specially interested.'"

The committee on Constitution and By-Laws further advised the appointment of an official (special) committee on Constitution and By-Laws to revise the same and report at the next regular meeting.

As the legislative committee provided by Section 20 of the by-laws, the President appointed E. G. Senter, T. H. Napier, H. W. Manson, J. E. McFarland and F. B. Robinson.

The following were appointed as delegates to the National Editorial Association: F. B. Baillio, C. F. Lehmann, Frank P. Holland, E. W. Harris, Clarence Ousley, R. B. Lockhart, Mrs. Olive B. Lee. Alternates: T. B. Johnson, Will C. Perry, N. A. Cravens, Juan S. Hart, A. N. Justiss, H. P. Jones, J. D. Shaw.



## Nineteenth Annual Convention—1898

THE nineteenth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was called to order in the Masonic Temple in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, by President S. M. Vernon, May 25, 1898. The invocation was by Rev. I. V. Jolly, editor of the Hubbard City (Texas) Church and Home. The call of the roll was dispensed with, so it is impossible to give the names of those in attendance.

The following committees were appointed:

Membership—W. D. Cox, T. H. Napier, P. H. Pardue;

Constitution and By-Laws—F. B. Baillio, Will H. Mayes, J. G. Rankin;

Resolutions—F. B. Robinson, C. F. Lehmann, Mrs. W. D. Cox, W. E. Gilliland;

Revision of Roll—J. R. Ransone, Jr., W. A. Johnson, Charles Culmore;

Finance—W. C. Perry, I. V. Jolly, W. M. Cobb, D. S. Mayes;

Memorial—N. A. Cravens, M. J. Cox, Miss Lottie Harrison.

A motion was adopted that the button distributed at this meeting, bearing the Lone Star of Texas flag with the words "Texas Press Association," be adopted as the official badge of the Association.

The following were elected to membership:

C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle; A. H. Freeman, Grandview Graphic; Edwin D. Dunlap, Meridian Tribune; E. C. Lewis, Forney Tribune.

W. D. Cox offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association recognizes the splendid work being done by the Women's Federation of Clubs in Texas in their efforts to establish free State Libraries in Texas, and we highly commend the movement and promise the work our hearty co-operation and support."



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The committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following, which was adopted:

"That Article XIII of the Constitution be so amended as to read as follows:

"At each annual meeting there shall be appointed by the president-elect a committee on legislation whose duty it shall be to inform themselves and keep the Association advised of any pending or impending legislation in which the craft may be specially interested; to correspond with the secretaries of the different State press associations with a view of ascertaining the laws, if any, on the statute books of their States in regard to public printing, and such legislation on that subject as may be impending. And it shall be the duty of said committee to make its reports to the Association annually in writing."

(See Section 20, added to by-laws at the Dallas session of preceding annual convention).

A communication was read from Miss Fannie Love Loughery who had written a book of poems, entitled "Pleasant Thoughts," and dedicated to the Texas Press Association. The following resolution in regard to the young lady's elegant tribute was offered by Will H. Mayes and adopted:

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association appreciates the compliment paid it by Fannie Love Loughery, daughter of our reverend late member, Colonel R. W. Loughery, in dedicating the little booklet, 'Pleasant Thoughts,' to this Association; and, in token of our appreciation, will use our individual efforts to assist in circulating this little volume of gems."

The following was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association heartily indorses the Texas State Fair as an institution all Texas should be proud of, and pledges it the same hearty co-



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operation and support always extended it by the Texas press in the past."

The Association was honored during one of its sessions by a visit from the Missouri Press Association, and the two organizations fraternized and spent a pleasant time together. During the convention, a joint meeting of the Arkansas, Missouri and Texas Press Associations was held and a program, prepared specially for the occasion, was carried out. Throughout the entire time of the convention, there were interchanges of visits between the associations and the members of the different associations, an interchange of courtesies, and a splendid spirit of fraternity manifested, all of which made this a meeting long to be remembered.

The annual oration was delivered by Judge N. A. Cravens as substitute for W. A. Shaw, the orator elect, who failed to attend this convention.

The following read papers on the themes following their respective names:

Miss Loutie Harrison—"How a Woman Runs a Paper;"

T. H. Napier—"Yellow Journalism;"

W. A. Johnson—"The Duties of the Press to the Public;"

F. B. Robinson—"The Duties of the Public to the Press."

The secretary was instructed by resolution, offered by T. H. Napier, to begin negotiations as early as possible for a tri-state meeting of the press associations of Arkansas, Missouri and Texas to be held in some central Texas city during the year 1900.

The following officers were elected:

President—John G. Rankin, Brenham Banner;

First Vice President—Will H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin;

Second Vice President—F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item;

Third Vice President—T. H. Napier, Winnsboro Wide-Awake;

Secretary—Will H. Neel, Dublin Telephone;

Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Attorney—E. G. Senter, Dallas.



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### Executive Committee:

First District—N. A. Cravens, Willis Index;  
Second District—J. E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner;  
Third District—E. W. Harris, Greenville Herald;  
Fourth District—Joe J. Taylor, Clarksville Times;  
Fifth District—B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer;  
Sixth District—M. J. Cox, Forney Tribune;  
Seventh District—W. D. Cox, Temple Tribune;  
Eighth District—D. O. Lively, Fort Worth Reporter;  
Ninth District—Perry Hawkins, Taylor Journal;  
Tenth District—D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer;  
Eleventh District—D. W. Barnhill, Uvalde News;  
Twelfth District—W. A. Guthrie, San Angelo Standard.

Legislative Committee—T. H. Napier, W. E. Gilliland,  
F. B. Baillio;

Printing Committee—S. M. Vernon, Will H. Mayes, Will  
H. Neel, Frank Vernon.

Delegates to the National Editorial Association—S. M.  
Vernon, F. B. Baillio, C. F. Lehmann, B. C. Murray, E. W.  
Harris, Will H. Mayes, N. A. Cravens. Alternates: A. H.  
Freeman, T. H. Napier, Frank Vernon, Will C. Perry, Miss  
Loutie Harrison, W. M. Cobb, J. M. Weekly.

Cleburne was elected as the next place of meeting and  
the excursion was to Denver and other Colorado points.



## Twentieth Annual Convention—1899

THE twentieth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in the City Hall in Dallas, and was called to order by President John G. Rankin, May 18, 1899. Rev. George C. Rankin of the Texas Christian Advocate invoked Divine guidance. The address of welcome was delivered by Mayor John H. Traylor and was responded to by President Rankin on behalf of the Association.

On motion of T. H. Napier, the secretary was instructed to telegraph the condolence of the Association to First Vice President, Will H. Mayes of the Brownwood Bulletin, in the death of his wife, which sad event occurred on the 12th day of May, six days before this meeting.

The following members responded to call of the roll:

W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger; L. Blaylock, Texas Christian Advocate; M. J. Cox, Forney Messenger; A. H. Freeman, Grandview Graphic; C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle; E. W. Harris, Greenville Herald; Frank P. Holland, Farm and Ranch; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; F. T. Roche, Georgetown Sun; W. A. Johnson, Hall County Herald; A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Courier-Light; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; H. W. Maunson, Rockwall Success; Mrs. S. Isadore Miner, Dallas News; J. L. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; T. H. Napier, Winnsboro Wide-Awake; W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas; F. B. Baillio, Cleburne Review; John H. Cullom, Garland News; W. C. Easterling, Del Rio Record; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; Miss Loutie Harrison, Childress Budget; Perry Hawkins, Taylor Journal; G. C. Rankin, Texas Christian Advocate; F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; E. G. Senter, Dallas; I. V. Jolly, Italy Church and Home; Mrs. Olive B. Lee, Dallas Period; T. B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald; D. S. Mayes, Whitney Messenger; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; Eugene Moore, Stephenville Empire; W. H. Neel, Dublin Telephone; Aaron Smith, Mount Pleasant Times-Review; Frank Vernon, Cisco Round-Up; W. M. Warlick, Dallas Presbyterian; S. M. Vernon, Comanche Chief; J. M. Weekly, Milford Courier.

On motion of F. B. Baillio, the initiation fee was reduced from ten dollars to five dollars.

The following committees were appointed:

Constitution and By-Laws—W. E. Gilliland, Frank Vernon; R. W. Martin;

Finance—W. A. Adair, W. A. Johnson, Perry Hawkins;



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Revision of Roll—C. F. Lehmann, John M. Weekly, A. N. Justiss;

Membership—S. M. Vernon, F. T. Roche, Eugene Moore, H. W. Manson, C. N. Ousley;

Resolutions—F. B. Baillio, B. C. Murray, T. H. Napier;

Necrology—E. W. Harris, E. G. Senter, A. H. Freeman.

The following were elected to membership:

C. I. Boynton, Llanò Times; S. J. Thomas, Comanche Chief; M. L. Bixler, Beaumont Enterprise; G. J. Palmer, Houston Post; T. O. Walker, Fort Worth Register; George B. Dealey, Dallas News; Gayle Talbot, Slidell Courier; W. M. Thompson, Itasca Mail; J. W. Bailey, Denton News; John J. Switzer, De Leon Free Press; E. J. Parker, Allen Advocate; W. L. Wilson, Cisco Apert; Ben C. Taber, Dallas Southern Home; Mrs. R. W. Martin, Gatesville Messenger; H. B. Ballew, Honey Grove Crescent; D. D. Walls, Dallas Stock and Farm Journal; C. W. Holt, Dallas Stock and Farm Journal; G. C. Rankin, Texas Christian Advocate; M. L. Sammons, Texas Trade Review; B. R. Haughton, Canyon City Battle Ship; J. P. Chambless, Ennis News; E. A. Thompson, Denison Herald; Fred Chase, Galveston Tribune; I. N. Rogers, Jacksboro Gazette; Ira W. Hall, Brownwood News; W. M. Reilly, Denton Record and Chronicle; Ashley Evans, Bonham News; J. M. Dunn, Sulphur, Springs Gazette; L. J. Reynolds, Sherman Register; H. C. Hensel, Western Newspaper Union; Corbin Johnson, Denton Record and Chronicle; V. W. Grubbs, Greenville Headlight; D. W. Campbell, Hillsboro Mirror; George McDonald, Austin Tribune; H. Galbraith, Terrell Transcript; Z. Caldwell, Terrell Transcript; J. A. Greer, Hubbard City Pick and Pan; Ramsey W. Cox, Texas Central Railroad, Waco; George T. Yates, Gainesville Hesperian; Sam M. Leeman, Merkel Mail; J. C. Carr, San Antonio Express.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company tendered the use of its lines to the members of the Association.

The annual poem was by M. J. ("Mary Jane") Cox and the annual essay by E. W. Harris. The annual oration was by Rev. George C. Rankin, substitute for Judge N. A. Cravens who was unavoidably absent.

The libel law was discussed and a committee, consisting of E. G. Senter, C. N. Ousley and F. B. Baillio, was appointed on libel legislation with instructions to report at this meeting. The report of the committee was made and concluded with the declaration, "the press of Texas asks for the enactment of a law upon the subject of libel which



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will affirmatively fix the statutes, announce the privileges and set the limitations of the press."

T. H. Napier offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee to be composed of E. G. Senter, W. A. Shaw, C. N. Ousley, W. E. Gilliland and R. W. Martin, is hereby appointed to draft a bill defining libel, to be presented at the next annual meeting of the Association; that said committee is instructed to suggest ways and means for the enacting of such bill into a law by the next legislature."

On the same subject the following three resolutions were adopted, the name of the author of each appearing thereafter in parenthesis:

"That in the event a special session of the Legislature be called, that this committee use their best endeavors to have this question incorporated in the call by the Governor, without waiting for ratification by this Association." (J. M. Dunn.)

"Resolved, That \$100 or as much thereof as needed, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the committee in preparing and presenting a libel bill before the Legislature." (T. B. Johnson.)

"Resolved, That the President be instructed to call a special meeting of the executive committee of this Association, when it shall be decided to call a special session of the Legislature, and that the said committee be empowered to act for this Association in all matters connected with legislative enactments." (W. A. Johnson.)

Brenham was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The following officers were elected:

President—Will H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin;  
First Vice President—E. W. Harris, Greenville Herald;  
Second Vice President—T. H. Napier, Winnsboro Wide-Awake;  
Third Vice President—C. N. Ousley, Galveston Tribune;  
Secretary—Frank Vernon, Cisco Round-Up;



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Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Attorney—E. G. Senter, Dallas.

Executive Committee:

First District—F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item;

Second District—M. L. Bixler, Beaumont Enterprise;

Third District—V. W. Grubbs, Greenville Headlight;

Fourth District—F. A. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette;

Fifth District—B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer;

Sixth District—A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Courier-Light;

Seventh District—J. F. Crouch, Belton Journal;

Eighth District—D. O. Lively, Ft. Worth Live Stock Reporter;

Ninth District—F. T. Roche, Georgetown Sun;

Tenth District—D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer;

Eleventh District—D. W. Barnhill, Uvalde News;

Twelfth District—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;

Thirteenth District—W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald.

Legislative Committee—F. B. Baillio, Lee J. Rountree, Jasper Collins.

The Dallas Commercial Club offered as a prize for the best write-up of this meeting, a gold medal to cost not less than \$25.

The idea of the establishment of a Girls' Industrial School in Texas was endorsed as a worthy conception. Judge V. W. Grubbs then of the Greenville Headlight was the father of the idea as there endorsed and, through all the years since, has never wearied of advocating it.

The great College of Industrial Arts at Denton is the first fruition of this idea; but who can look into the years of the future and conceive of the full measure of the fruits thereof?

Rosser Thomas of the Ladonia News was elected orator; A. M. Kennedy of the Mexia Times-Echo, essayist; and C. N. Ousley of the Galveston Tribune, poet.

The secretary was instructed to extend an invitation to the Southwest Texas, and other press associations in the State, to hold a joint meeting with the Texas Press Associa-



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tion at Brenham during its regular annual convention in 1900.

Papers were read as follows:

D. S. Mayes—"The Press and State Development;"

E. S. Peters—"Editor as Farmer;"

Frank Vernon—"The Mechanical Department of a Country Newspaper;"

A. N. Justiss—"The Local Editor;"

J. M. Weekly—"The Relationship of the City and Weekly Press;"

E. W. Harris—"Liberty and the Press."



## Twenty-first Annual Convention—1900

THE twenty-first annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in Lusk Hall in Brenham, and was called to order by former President John G. Rankin, April 12, 1900. Rev. J. L. Massie, pastor of the Methodist Church, delivered the invocation. Hon. Harry Haynes delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by F. B. Baillio. President Will H. Mayes also made appropriate remarks by way of further response.

The following committees were announced:

Membership—J. T. Robison, M. J. Cox, R. W. Martin, M. L. Bixler, H. D. Cadwell;

Constitution and By-Laws—F. T. Roche, F. B. Robinson, C. N. Ousley, W. W. Dexter;

Resolutions—F. B. Baillio, B. C. Murray, Miss Loutie Harrison, W. M. Reilly, T. B. Lusk, J. S. Hardy.

Revision of Roll—Frank Vernon, Will H. Neel, C. F. Lehmann;

Finance—J. E. Vernor, J. R. Ransone, Jr., S. J. Thomas, W. E. Gilliland.

Memorial—E. G. Senter, John G. Rankin, W. A. Johnson, R. M. Johnston, F. P. Holland.

The following responded to call of the roll:

Mrs. W. D. Cox, B. Roy Haughton, Will H. Neel, C. H. Wedemeyer, M. J. Cox, D. O. Lively, F. B. Robinson, John H. Cul'om, J. W. Dale, John G. Rankin, J. E. Vernor, W. W. Dexter, J. P. Chambless, T. B. Lusk, J. T. Robison, A. C. Scurlock, E. W. Harris, B. C. Murray, Frank Vernon, Jasper Collins, R. C. Johnson, J. R. Ransone, Jr., F. B. Baillio, E. D. Dunlap, C. W. Gordon, Will H. Mayes, S. J. Thomas, John G. Rankin, W. A. Johnson, C. N. Ousley, R. E. Yantis, H. D. Cadwell, R. W. Martin, F. T. Roche, R. M. Johnston, W. E. Gilliland, C. F. Lehmann, W. M. Reilly, Mrs. R. W. Martin, E. G. Senter, L. A. McCollister, R. Wilson, F. P. Holland.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company announced that their lines were down and burdened with



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business, but five conversations per day would be granted, complimentary, to members of the Association.

The following were elected to membership:

T. H. Dailey, Forney Messenger; F. M. Littlepage, Venus Times; H. F. Mayes, Ballinger Banner-Leader; G. W. McKnight, El Campo Eagle; J. H. Brooks, Weimar Mercury; J. H. Stanberry, Midlothian Argus; W. W. Lastinger, Gatesville Star; Samuel E. Milliken, M. D., Texas Clinic; C. H. Wedemeyer, Belton Journal Reporter; Louis J. Wortham, Houston Post, Wm. T. Eichholz, Cuero Rundschau; J. L. Robinson, Pittsburg Enterprise; S. R. Williams, Fort Worth Stock Journal; Paul Keith, Cameron Inquirer; J. S. Hardy, Ennis News; P. J. Hemphill, Ennis Local; O. P. Gresham, Temple Mirror; W. W. Thomas, Pilot Point Post-Signal; Joe Warren, Killeen Herald; R. E. Yantis, Wills Point Van Zandt; C. W. Taylor, Rogers News; C. W. Kent, Waxahachie Light; J. A. Thomas, Leonard Graphic; L. E. Hasket, Childress Star; T. K. Barrett, Huntsville Post.

A communication was received from Mrs. S. Isadore Miner of the Dallas News suggesting the erection of a monument to Dr. William Martin Yandell, a former president of this Association and one of its promoters; and she enclosed five dollars as the initial contribution to a fund suggested to be raised for that purpose. In accordance with her suggestion, a resolution offered by J. E. Vernor was adopted, providing that \$100 be appropriated out of the funds of the Association for the purpose of assisting in the erection of a suitable monument at the deceased ex-president's grave; and that the President appoint a committee to take charge of, receive contributions for, and superintend the erection of such monument to the memory of Dr. William Martin Yandell. The President announced the appointment of the following to compose the Yandell monument committee: E. G. Sentèr, Mrs. S. Isadore Miner, Frank P. Holland, R. M. Johnston, Juan S. Hart, John G. Rankin, F. B. Baillio and C. N. Ousley.

The legislative committee reported that Governor Joseph D. Sayers had been kind enough to name libel as one of the subjects of legislation in his call for a special session of the Legislature. The committee said there was no doubt on the part of newspaper people of the desirableness of the enactment of such a law of libel as would define libel so that all



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might know what the law is, and what are and what are not privileged communications. At the called session, it appears, a libel law had been introduced, but failed of enactment; and the committee expressed the opinion that the reckless and sometimes uncalled-for and unjust criticism of the Legislature and its members on the part of some members of the press had had much to do with the failure of the press to secure much needed remedial legislation.

The committee on libel made an extended report through its chairman, E. G. Senter, saying among other things:

"What is privileged matter in the present confused state of the law, can only be determined on appeal to the higher courts. It is submitted that every citizen engaged in a lawful business should be able to ascertain the rules of law that govern his business, and to measure his responsibility for any action in connection therewith before it is taken. Much of the information that the public demands from a newspaper is offensive or unpleasant to somebody. Judicial ascertainment of facts in controversy is reached only after long investigation, with all the processes of the court available, and then it frequently happens that erroneous verdicts are returned. In dealing with such matters it may easily happen that the publisher, in spite of the utmost diligence, will sometimes make mistakes. It is submitted that when a mistake is thus innocently made, and every effort is made to correct it and to prevent damage, that the publisher should be liable only for such actual damages as may result from the publication, and that to levy in such a case, under fictions of law repugnant to a common sense of justice, penalties more severe than are assessed for grave and wilful crimes against society is not conducive to the welfare of the public, or promotive of any good end or wholesome design."

The text of the law asked for is as follows:

"1. In any action for damages brought for the pub-



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lication of a libel in any newspaper or periodical devoted to the publication of general news, science, or literature, the plaintiff shall recover only such special pecuniary damages as may be shown to have been suffered by him because thereof, if it shall appear on the trial of such action that such publication was made in good faith, and that there were reasonable grounds for believing that the statements set forth in such alleged libelous publication were true, and that its falsity was due to mistake or misapprehension of the facts, and that in the next regular issue of said newspaper or periodical after such mistake or misapprehension was brought to the knowledge of the publisher or publishers thereof a correction or retraction was published in as conspicuous a manner and place in said newspaper or periodical as was the libel.

"2. The publication of the following matters by any newspaper or periodical as defined in section one shall be deemed privileged, and shall not be made the basis of any action for libel without proof of actual malice:

"1st. A fair and true report of any executive, judicial, legislative, constabulary, police, or other official proceedings or actions, or anything said or done in the course thereof;

"2nd. A fair and true report of public meetings;

"3rd. Reasonable and fair comment and criticisms upon matters of public concern and the official acts of public officials, published for general information.

"3. On the trial of any such action for libel the defendant may give in evidence under the general issue, in mitigation of damages, the circumstances and intentions under which such publication was made, and any public apology, correction or retraction of the libel complained of, made and published by him.

"4. In any such action for damages for libel, if the defendant shall suggest the name or names of the person



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or persons who furnished the matter or information, the publication of which is complained of, by notice served on the plaintiff or his attorney of record on or before the return day of the term of court to which citation therein is returnable, such person or persons shall be necessary parties defendant in the further prosecution of said action."

The committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the following shall be added to the by-laws, as paragraph 2 of Section 19:

"He shall also supervise the printing and distribution of the badges worn at the regular, annual meetings of this Association, and see that they are issued to bona fide members of this body, members of their families, railroad representatives who may be in attendance, representatives of supply houses, and to no others."

The following was adopted:

"Resolved, That the President shall appoint a special committee of five, of which the president-elect shall be chairman, to present the subject of libel to the next Legislature; and that \$100, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated from the treasury for the expense of said committee."

On the adoption of the above, the President appointed as said special committee: E. W. Harris, E. G. Senter, F. B. Baillio, Frank Vernon, C. N. Ousley.

Those reading papers at this convention and their respective subjects follow:

E. G. Myers—"The Country Press and the Ready Print."

J. E. Vernor—"How to Hold Subscribers."

Ernst Goethe—"How to Resuscitate a Dead Newspaper Town."



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W. M. Reilly—"Which Makes the Better Boss, the Proprietor or the Public?"

Officers were elected as follows:

President—E. W. Harris, Greenville Herald;

First Vice President—Fred B. Robinson, Huntsville Item;

Second Vice President—C. N. Ousley, Galveston Tribune;

Third Vice President—S. J. Thomas, Comanche Chief;

Secretary—Frank Vernon, Cisco Round-Up;

Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Attorney—E. G. Senter, Dallas.

Executive Committee:

First District—R. M. Johnston, Houston Post;

Second District—M. L. Bixler, Beaumont Enterprise;

Third District—R. E. Yantis, Wills Point Van Zandt;

Fourth District—W. N. Fury, Paris Advocate;

Fifth District—Tom W. Perkins, McKinney Gazette;

Sixth District—Mrs. S. Isadore Miner, Dallas News;

Seventh District—A. M. Kennedy, Mexia Times-Echo;

Eighth District—S. J. Thomas, Comanche Chief;

Ninth District—Lee J. Rountree, Georgetown Commercial;

Tenth District—C. N. Ousley, Galveston Tribune;

Eleventh District—G. W. McKnight, El Campo Eagle;

Twelfth District—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;

Thirteenth District—W. A. Johnson, Hall County Herald.

R. W. Martin of the Gatesville Messenger was elected orator; Thomas B. Lusk of the Italy News-Herald, essayist; and Mrs. S. Isadore Miner, poetess.

Houston was elected as the next place of meeting; and the excursion was to Houston, Beaumont, Galveston and Port Arthur.

The president and secretary were instructed to invite the press associations of Arkansas, Missouri and Louisiana to meet with Texas Press Association at its annual meeting the following year.



## Twenty-second Annual Convention—1901

THE twenty-second annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in Turner Hall in Houston, and was called to order by President E. W. Harris, May 23, 1901. Rev. R. S. Stuart asked Divine blessing on the convention. Honorable J. M. Coleman, acting for Mayor John D. Woolford, who was prevented by sickness from being present, delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city. The response was made by T. H. Napier.

The following committees were appointed:

Membership—F. B. Robinson, John H. Brooks, W. W. Dexter;

Finance—R. E. Yantis, M. L. Bixler, Jasper Collins;

Resolutions—W. A. Shaw, T. H. Napier, Eugene Moore;

Constitution and By-Laws—S. J. Thomas, F. C. Thompson, R. M. Johnston;

Revision of Roll—Charles Culmore, G. J. Palmer, C. F. Lehmann.

The following were elected to membership:

M. E. Foster, Houston Post; T. Curtis, Burkeville Record; Don C. Curtis, Gatesville Star-Forum; H. B. Savage, Belton News; Clayton West, Wills Point Chronicle; D. M. Thrash, Cleburne Chronicle; Frank P. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette; E. P. Boyle, Houston Times; T. A. Adkins, Beeville Picayune; C. C. Cox, Mexia Ledger; W. L. Mason, San Antonio Homestead; N. T. Blackwell, Dallas Democrat; A. J. Birchfield, Alvin Sun; J. A. Phillips, Greenville Herald; Sumner Lansdale, McKinney Gazette; Hamp Williams, Wallisville Broad Ax; W. Tricky, Pearsall Leader; Charles E. Burke, Sherman Courier.

The committee on legislation submitted the following report:

"The special committee appointed by the President at the last meeting of the Association, to present the subject of libel to the Legislature, beg leave to state that, fortified with a Democratic platform demand for a libel law, just alike to the press and the people, together with a strong recommendation by Governor Sayers in his message for a proper



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civil libel statute, the friends and advocates of libel reform in the Twenty-Seventh Legislature succeeded in securing to the press of Texas a measure of relief from existing conditions by the enactment of the following law, the first line relating to civil libel ever incorporated in the statutes of this State:"

(The law as enacted is given in full in Part One of this work, in the chapter devoted to the libel law.)

Great credit should be given Frank Bushick of the San Antonio Express for the passage of the libel law, as he had been active in the advocacy of libel reform.

W. A. Shaw, R. M. Johnston and T. H. Napier were appointed a committee to consider the recommendations of the Third Assistant Postmaster General upon the restrictions placed by the Postoffice Department upon second class mail matter.

Memorial services, presided over by F. B. Baillio, were held in honor of the memory of those who had passed over the silent river since the last annual convention, namely: John F. Elliott of the Dallas Times-Herald; Sam Vernon of the Comanche Chief; A. H. Belo of the Dallas-Galveston News; J. K. P. Shirley of the Parker County News, and Dr. William Martin Yandell of El Paso, a former president of this Association. Rev. R. S. Stuart prefaced the meeting with Scriptural reading and with singing sacred songs in which he was assisted by the audience. Mr. Baillio paid a general and generous tribute to all the dead in whose honor the meeting was held. S. J. Thomas spoke feelingly of S. M. Vernon and read a tribute to him from Will H. Mayes. Lee J. Rountree delivered a touching eulogy on Mr. Shirley. W. A. Shaw spoke of the exemplary life of John F. Elliott; and F. B. Robinson paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the lamented Dr. Yandell.

The following responded to call of the roll:

F. B. Baillio, Cleburne Review; J. H. Brooks, Weimar Mercury; Charles Culmore, Houston Press; J. A. Greer, Hubbard Pick and Pan News; I. V.



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Jolly, Rockwall Church and Home; Mrs. Olive B. Lee, Lee's Magazine; T. H. Napier, Winnsboro Wide-Awake; T. W. Perkins, McKinney Gazette; W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas; F. C. Thompson, McKinney Democrat; John H. Cullom, Garland News; W. W. Dexter, Houston Trade Review; V. W. Grubbs, Greenville Headlight; R. M. Johnston, Houston Post; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; Will H. Neel, Dublin Telephone; J. T. Robison, Kosse Cyclone; S. J. Thomas, Comanche Chief; W. M. Warlick, Dallas Presbyterian; M. L. Bixler, Beaumont Enterprise; H. D. Cadwell, Gainesville Signal; L. L. Foster, College Station; E. W. Harris, Greenville Herald; C. W. Kent, Waxahachie Light; J. L. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; E. E. Overall, Houston Railway Illustrator; F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item; J. A. Thomas, Leonard Graphic; R. E. Yantis, Athens Review; Jasper Collins, Carthage Watchman; C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle; J. S. Hardy, Ennis News; Eugene Moore, Stephenville Empire; F. M. McCaleb, Pleasanton Monitor; P. H. Pardue, Alvarado Bulletin; F. T. Roche, Georgetown Sun; W. M. Thompson, Itasca Mail.

E. G. Senter, attorney of the Association and member of the committee charged with the duty of urging upon the Legislature the passage of a law of civil libel, said of the law enacted by the Twenty-Seventh Legislature: "The measure adopted is not all that could be desired, but it is a decided improvement on former conditions. The credit for its passage belongs mainly to your President, Senator Harris; and his persistent and successful efforts in this behalf call for the grateful acknowledgments of the press at large."

It is worthy of note that, while appropriations were made from year to year to defray the expenses of committees working in behalf of the passage of a libel law, no portion of such appropriations was ever drawn upon and that the members of the several committees always bore their own expenses.

E. G. Senter, who had been appointed (at the last annual convention) chairman of the committee to arrange for the building of a monument to the memory of the late Dr. William Martin Yandell, reported:

"On account of the calamitous incidents in southern Texas, it was thought best to delay efforts to raise a fund until this spring. One of the members of the committee is Mrs. Isadore Callaway (formerly Miner), and on account of her acquaintance and meeting with relatives of Dr. Yandell, while she was recently traveling in Europe, it was



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deemed advisable to take counsel with her with respect to the action to be taken."

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Hon. Edwin C. Madden, Third Assistant Postmaster General, concluded its report by offering the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association heartily indorse the efforts of the Postal Department to correct the abuses as practiced by many so-called newspapers and periodicals in the giving of premiums."

A communication welcoming the Association to Houston was received from the executive committee of the Daughters of The Republic of Texas. In moving a vote of thanks to the Daughters for their cordial greeting, T. H. Napier said: "In returning the greeting of The Daughters of The Republic, it might be well to remember that it was in the Texas Press Association that the idea originated of making a State park of the San Jacinto Battle Ground. It was suggested by the lamented Judge A. B. Norton of Dallas at the meeting in Houston in 1890, when the Association took a trip to the battle ground. While the Association had suggested the idea, the noble ladies of The Daughters of The Republic carried it out."

On motion of W. A. Shaw, seconded by R. M. Johnston and John G. Rankin, Mrs. Olive B. Lee was indorsed for third vice-president of the National Editorial Association, should that body determine to elect a woman as one of its officers.

Resolutions in regard to the death of Secretary Frank Vernon, notice of which sad event came during the meeting of the Association, were adopted after several members had paid touching tribute to the many virtues that adorned his noble character.

The following resolution, signed by F. B. Baillio, W. A. Shaw, T. W. Perkins, R. E. Yantis, W. H. Neel, Jasper



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Collins, Lee J. Rountree, Eugene Moore and Charles Culmore, was offered, but was laid over to the next annual convention:

"Be it Resolved, That the Constitution of the Association be so changed as to read that 'The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, secretary, and treasurer. In case of the death of the president or his resignation, or his refusal to act, then the executive committee shall elect his successor.'"

I. V. Jolly offered the following resolution:

"That we heartily indorse the objects and purposes of the organized movement in behalf of a comprehensive and efficient system of industrial education in Texas, to the end that the youth of our State may be fully prepared for the duties, responsibilities and requirements of life in all its legitimate phases, and to embrace the splendid opportunities offered by the industrial awakening which has recently set in in the State."

The minutes of this convention show papers read as follows:

Marcellus E. Foster—"The Influence of the Press."

Lee J. Rountree—"The Newspaper and the Politician."

C. E. Gilmore—"Correct Business Methods."

The following officers were elected:

President—F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item;

First Vice President—C. N. Ousley, Galveston Tribune;

Second Vice President—S. J. Thomas, Comanche Chief;

Third Vice President—R. E. Yantis, Athens Review;

Secretary—J. T. Robison, Kosse Cyclone;

Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Attorney—E. G. Senter, Dallas.

Executive Committee:

First District—M. E. Foster, Houston Chronicle;

Second District—W. A. Adair, Marshall Messenger;

Third District—H. W. Manson, Rockwall Success;

Fourth District—J. J. Taylor, Clarksville Times;



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Fifth District—G. O. Hunter, Sherman Democrat;

Sixth District—W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer.

Seventh District—J. M. Kennedy, Marlin Democrat;

Eighth District—Eugene Moore, Stephenville Empire;

Ninth District—Lee J. Rountree, Georgetown Commercial;

Tenth District—D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer;

Eleventh District—J. L. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin;

Twelfth District—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;

Thirteenth District—W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star.

Legislative Committee—T. H. Napier, F. P. Holland, S. J. Thomas, E. W. Harris, J. R. Ransone, Jr.

Orator—T. H. Napier, Winnsboro Wide-Awake; Essayist—Jasper Collins, Panola Watchman, Carthage; Poet—P. H. Pardue, Alvarado Bulletin.

Gainesville was selected as the next place of meeting and the excursion was to A. & M. College, Beaumont and Buffalo.



## Twenty-third Annual Convention—1902

THE twenty-third annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in the Opera House in Gainesville beginning May 14, 1902. It was presided over by President F. B. Robinson. Divine guidance and blessing was invoked by Rev. J. A. Gray. J. T. Leonard, Mayor of Gainesville, delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by John H. Cullom.

The appointment of the following committees was announced:

Finance—Eugene Moore, J. A. Thomas, W. J. Buie;

Membership—A. N. Justiss, W. H. Mayes, J. H. Lowry;

Revision of Roll—W. E. Gilliland, D. J. Moffitt, H. D. Cadwell;

Necrology—W. A. Johnson, L. J. Wortham;

Constitution and By-Laws—R. E. Yantis, F. B. Baillio, R. M. Johnston;

Resolutions—John H. Cullom, F. P. Lockhart, J. M. Weekly.

Mrs. Roberts of Dallas appealed to the members for their support to the efforts of The Women's Clubs of Texas in behalf of State legislation regulating the work of children in manufacturing plants.

The committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following:

"Resolved, That Article V of the Constitution be changed to read as follows:

"The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, a vice-president, an attorney, a secretary, an assistant secretary, a treasurer, and an executive committee composed of one member from each congressional district, and of which the president shall be ex-officio chairman and the secretary ex-officio secretary. These shall be elected



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annually, except the members of the executive committee who shall be appointed by the president; and the assistant secretary who shall be appointed by the secretary. There shall also be chosen at each annual meeting, an orator, an essayist and a poet, whose duties shall be to deliver and read at the annual convention succeeding their appointment an oration, an essay and a poem; provided, that in case of the death, resignation, or permanent incapacity of the president, the vice-president shall succeed to the honors and emoluments of the office; and in case of the death, resignation, or permanent incapacity of both the president and vice-president, then the executive committee shall elect a president of the Association, who shall be entitled to all the honors and emoluments of the office."

The motion to adopt was defeated by rising vote, but reconsideration was had later and the report was adopted.

The following indicates the richness and variety of the program at this convention:

J. H. Lowry—"What Constitutes a Good Country Newspaper."

W. J. Buie—"Effects of Rural Free Delivery on the Country Press."

W. E. Gilliland—"The Press and the Candidate."

Mrs. S. E. Buchanan—"The Press As An Educator."

R. E. Yantis—"Practical Business Methods in the Advertising Department."

W. A. Johnson—"Newspaper Controversies and Personal Journalism."

Thomas B. Lusk—"The Importance, and Best Methods of Obtaining Subscriptions."

L. J. Wortham—"The Importance of Having Texas Properly Represented at the St. Louis Exposition."

H. M. Mayo of the Sunset-Central Railroad—"Newspapers in Relation to Development."



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John H. Cullom—"Newspaper Premiums and Guessing Contests."

Will H. Mayes of the Brownwood Bulletin delivered an address on "Revival Needed in Association Work."

The annual poem was by P. H. Pardue of the Alvarado Bulletin.

After reciting that the Texas World's Fair Commission is organized and chartered under the laws of the State to secure for Texas a thorough exhibit of her resources at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904; and that it is of utmost importance that this commission, depending for a World's Fair fund entirely upon popular subscription, be accorded the aid and encouragement of every public spirited citizen, Col. R. M. Johnston of the Houston Post offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association pledge itself to urge upon the public the economic necessity of according every possible aid to the work of the Texas Commission, and that it is the sense of the Texas Press Association that each individual member devote his best thought and energy to the end that the county and section in which his paper is published be represented in every resource and advantage at the St. Louis Exposition."

The following were elected to membership:

J. S. Perry, Temple Tribune; A. B. Yeager, Waxahachie Eagle; June P. Miller, Chico Review; Cyrus Coleman, Henrietta Independent; Mrs. Mary Winn Smoots, Sherman Courier; W. G. Sterett, Dallas News; Wm. Baldrige, Clifton Record; J. M. Lewis, Houston Post; J. S. Bailey, Denton News; A. A. Lyford, Lone Oak Banner.

The following officers were elected:

President—C. N. Ousley, Houston Post;

Vice President—R. E. Yantis, Athens Review;

Secretary—J. T. Robison, Kosse Cyclone;

Assistant Secretary—C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle;

Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Attorney—E. G. Senter, Dallas.

Executive Committee:

First District—F. A. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette;



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Second District—W. C. Easterling, Orange Tribune;  
Third District—Clayton West, Wills Point Chronicle;  
Fourth District—T. W. Perkins, McKinney Gazette;  
Fifth District—W. J. Buie, Waxahachie Enterprise;  
Sixth District—A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Courier-Light;  
Seventh District—John R. Hedges, Galveston News;  
Eighth District—T. K. Barrett, Huntsville Post;  
Ninth District—D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer;  
Tenth District—L. J. Wortham, Austin Current Issue;  
Eleventh District—J. D. Shaw, Waco Searchlight;  
Twelfth District—S. J. Thomas, Comanche Chief;  
Thirteenth District—C. H. Leonard, Gainesville Register;  
Fourteenth District—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;  
Fifteenth District—J. L. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin;  
Sixteenth District—Juan S. Hart, El Paso Times.

Legislative Committee—L. J. Wortham, Austin Current Issue; F. P. Holland, Texas Farm and Ranch; T. H. Napier, Winnsboro Wide-Awake.

Delegates to the National Editorial Association—A. N. Justiss, D. L. Beach, J. H. Lowry, R. E. Yantis, J. A. Thomas, W. J. Buie, L. A. McCollister.

W. G. Sterett was elected Orator; Mrs. S. E. Buchanan, Essayist; and Mrs. Mary Winn Smoots, Poetess.

Waxahachie was elected as the next place of meeting, and the excursion was to Arbuckle Mountains.



## Twenty-fourth Annual Convention—1903

THE twenty-fourth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was called to order in the District Court room in Waxahachie by President Clarence N. Ousley, May 21, 1903. Rev. J. G. Putnam, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, delivered the invocation. Mayor W. J. F. Ross delivered the address of welcome to which R. E. Yantis responded. By special request, Miss Mary, daughter of C. F. Lehmann, recited "The Editor's Guest," by Will Carleton.

The following committees were appointed:

Membership—F. B. Baillio, B. C. Murray, C. E. Gilmore, J. R. Ransone, Jr., Will H. Neel;

Constitution and By-Laws—F. T. Roche, W. A. Johnson, J. H. Cullom, M. E. Foster, John H. Brooks;

Resolutions—W. H. Mayes, N. P. Houx, Ashley Evans, J. L. McCaleb, E. Goethe;

Revision of Roll—C. F. Lehmann, F. B. Robinson, Henry Reese, F. C. Thompson, W. C. O'Bryan;

Finance—J. H. Lowry, T. B. Johnson, J. H. Stanberry, N. T. Blackwell;

Memorial—P. H. Pardue, J. A. Phillips, W. M. Warlick, J. S. Bailey, F. B. Whipkey.

In his address, President Ousley stated that there were 528 papers published in the State, with a combined circulation of 1,080,000, and an estimated value of \$4,725,000.

Mrs. S. E. Buchanan of the Farm and Ranch read the annual essay, the subject: "What Would You Do, If You Could Do As You Would?" Colonel W. G. Sterett delivered, extempore, the annual oration. Mrs. Mary Winn Smoots read the annual poem, entitled: "A Ode to Ed Green from Safrony."



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On the suggestion of C. F. Lehmann that a mutual fire insurance company be organized, the President appointed C. F. Lehmann, R. E. Yantis and W. H. Neel a committee to report on the proposed organization at the next annual meeting.

It being announced that the next annual convention would be the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Association, the following were appointed to arrange a special programme for that meeting: B. C. Murray, J. R. Ransone, Jr., W. E. Gilliland, Will H. Mayes, John H. Cullom, F. B. Baillio, J. H. Lowry and C. N. Ousley.

Those on the program and their subjects:

W. N. Cobb—"The Publication Law Passed by the Last Legislature."

Rev. G. C. Rankin—"Journalism and Its Duty to Public Morals."

Miss Maid J. Allen—"In the Country Newspaper Field."

D. L. Beach—"The Making of a Successful Daily and Weekly in a Country Town."

J. H. Connell—"That Boy."

The following officers were elected:

President—R. E. Yantis, Athens Review;

Vice President—S. J. Thomas, Comanche Chief;

Secretary—T. B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald;

Assistant Secretary—W. M. Cobb, Bowie Blade;

Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Attorney—W. W. Walling, San Antonio;

Orator—Louis J. Wortham, Austin Current Issue;

Essayist—W. J. Buie, Waxahachie Enterprise;

Poet—Judd Mortimer Lewis, Houston Post.

Executive Committee:

First District—F. A. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette;

Second District—M. L. Bixler, Beaumont Enterprise;

Third District—C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle;

Fourth District—J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal;

Fifth District—F. P. Holland, Farm and Ranch, Dallas;

Sixth District—N. P. Houx, Mexia News;

Seventh District—C. H. McMaster, Galveston Tribune;



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Eighth District—W. W. Dexter, Houston Trade Review;  
Ninth District—J. L. Ladd, Bay City Tribune;  
Tenth District—F. T. Roche, Georgetown Sun;  
Eleventh District—Ernst Goethe, Waco Echo;  
Twelfth District—J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise;  
Thirteenth District—W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald;  
Fourteenth District—T. B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;  
Fifteenth District—J. L. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin;  
Sixteenth District—W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star.

The following committees were appointed:

Printing—J. S. Hardy, W. J. Buie, N. T. Blackwell;

Legislative—W. W. Walling, W. A. Shaw, C. N. Ousley.

Delegates to the National Editorial Association—S. J. Thomas, J. L. Ladd, Frank P. Holland, J. P. Chambless, B. C. Murray, T. B. Johnson, M. E. Foster. Alternates—Jasper Collins, D. L. Beach, M. L. Bixler, E. W. Harris, J. A. Thomas, Will H. Neel, W. C. Easterling.

The retiring president was presented with a set of sterling silver knives, forks and spoons. The retiring secretary was presented with a traveling set.

The following were elected to membership:

R. Polk Burhans, Denison Gazetteer; W. B. Yearly, Farmersville Sentinel; Jas. H. Sullivan, San Antonio Light; S. Hundley, Moody Courier; W. P. Connelly, Bryan Eagle; Clarence Chambers, Liberty Vindicator; A. L. Pinkston, Center Champion; J. W. Saxon, Angleton Times; J. Linn Ladd, Bay City Tribune; E. J. Roberts, Sherman Courier; J. M. Goldston, Milford Courier; W. V. Ervin, Big Springs Enterprise; Buck W. Brown, Midlothian Argus; W. L. Turner, Madisonville Meteor; C. H. McMaster, Galveston Tribune; E. L. Ramsey, Thorndale Thorn; C. E. Kepple, LaPorte Chronicle; M. L. O. Andrews, Navasota Review; H. E. Ellis, Groesbeck Journal.

San Antonio was elected as the next place of meeting.

The following communication from De Zavala Chapter, Daughters of The Republic of Texas was read:

“\* \* \* and say to your Association that we are depending upon their aid in our struggle to save the Thermopylae of the New World, the remainder of the old Mission of the Alamo, where were enacted the sublimest deeds in history, and where the greatest heroes died for liberty. It is also one of the State's antiquities, which tourists come far to see, and for that reason alone should be preserved. We wish



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to make it not only the most attractive spot on this continent, but one from which good will emanate in many lines. We wish to make it an art museum, a Texas Hall of Fame—a museum of Texas history and relics. We wish to foster and substantially encourage writers and artists and build up a literature and art peculiarly Texan—worthy of her history, and outrivaling the Ancient Greeks. The press is our sole dependence in our efforts to raise the seventy thousand dollars to which we have bound ourselves, and we know we shall not depend upon them in vain. Twenty thousand dollars is required by next April, the remainder in yearly installments in five years' time.

(Signed) Adina De Zavala, President."

W. G. Sterett offered the following, which was adopted:

"Whereas, The patriotic women and men of Texas are putting forth their best efforts to preserve from the mutilating effects of time the historic buildings and locations of our State-builders, and locations where a people's liberty was bought with blood, and where happiness and greatness to us, the beneficiaries of the struggles of our forefathers, were given; therefore, be it,

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association, at its annual meeting of the year 1903, give every aid in obtaining such funds, public or private, as are necessary to purchase and preserve such grounds in our great State as become historic in and connected with the struggles for Texas Independence."

Saturday morning, May 23, about one hundred and fifty of the editors went to Fort Worth where they were the recipients of the hospitality of that hospitable city. On the next morning, about thirty joined in the excursion through the fruit and vegetable section—East Texas—making stops at Grand Saline, Rusk, Jacksonville, Tyler, Palestine, Houston, Beaumont, Orange, Bay City, and other places. All along the route of the excursion, the editors were given the "glad hand" and unstinted hospitality.



## Twenty-fifth Annual Convention—1904

THE twenty-fifth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in the City Hall in San Antonio, and was called to order by President R. E. Yantis, May 5, 1904. Rev. Homer T. Wilson invoked the Divine blessing and prayed that peace, harmony and good-fellowship might prevail during the deliberations of the convention. Hon. John W. Kokernot delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city and W. A. Shaw responded for the Association.

The following committees were appointed:

Membership—F. B. Baillio, W. E. Gilliland, R. W. Martin, A. L. Pinkston, P. H. Pardue;

Revision of Roll—S. J. Thomas, F. B. Robinson, Will H. Mayes, T. W. Perkins, B. C. Murray;

Resolutions—M. E. Foster, J. S. Perry, C. H. McMasters, W. A. Shaw, C. E. Gilmore;

Finance—F. P. Holland, J. M. Weekly, J. L. McCaleb, E. Goethe;

Constitution and By-Laws—D. L. Beach, M. L. Bixler, Jasper Collins, T. B. Johnson, F. C. Thompson.

The following were elected to membership:

A. C. Baldwin, San Antonio Gazette; G. H. Boynton, Hamilton Herald; W. L. Warrock, Rosebud News; P. O. Willson, Taylor Texan; Frank Ezzell, Ferris-Wheel; H. E. Faubion, Marble Falls Messenger; Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo; J. D. Ford, Timpson Times; W. T. Curtis, Carbon Herald; J. E. Pitts, Cleburne Review; A. P. Ransone, Cleburne Enterprise; Miss M. E. Neal, Carthage Register; J. E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner; G. P. Miller, Corsicana Truth; G. R. Beckham, Flatonia Record; J. O. Boehmer, Floresville Chronicle; A. Suhler, Waco Echo; F. N. Oliver, Lockney Beacon; R. M. Thompson, Goldthwaite Eagle; E. G. Gillette, Runge News; Edgar Schramm, San Antonio Staats Zeitung; J. A. Paddleford, Hillsboro Record; J. W. Beck, Milford Courier; G. B. Latham, Dallas Farm Journal; J. D. Autrey, Falls City Pilot; S. A. Fishburn, Dallas Home Advocate; Ed J. Leeman, Merkel Mail; J. G. Reed, Reed's Isonomy, San Antonio; C. E. Hill, San Antonio Liquor Dealer; J. D. Moyer, Honey Grove Citizen; J. E. Grinstead, Kerrville Mountain Sun; C. W. Wilson, Mineral Wells



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Index; Miss Ferdie Triche, Railroad Echo, Houston; E. T. Merriman, Corpus Christi Caller; Chas. E. Barnes, San Antonio Express; J. M. Daniel, Cotulla Record.

Wm. T. Eichholz, of the Cuero Rundschau explained the advantages of the mutual fire insurance association he and his associates were making efforts to organize among newspaper men. The matter was referred to a special committee consisting of D. L. Beach, C. F. Lehmann and D. S. Mayes.

The following by T. H. Napier was adopted:

"Whereas, The Daughters of the Republic (of Texas) are engaged in a patriotic endeavor to preserve to posterity the historic Alamo; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association commend this project of the noble women of this great State, and pledge them our hearty co-operation in bringing about legislative aid to assist in their worthy endeavor."

The annual poem was read by J. M. Lewis, its title being: "The Editor."

The annual essay, "Dreamers and Their Dreams," was read by W. J. Buie.

The quarter centennial exercises were presided over by Colonel William Green Sterett. W. A. Shaw read a paper on "Some Newspaper Men I Have Known." "The Growth and Development of Texas Journalism" was the subject of a paper by C. N. Ousley; "The Association Then and Now" was the title of the paper by R. E. Yantis; by Will H. Mayes: "The Social Features of the Association and Their Influence in Eliminating Personal Journalism;" R. W. Martin, "What the Association Has Accomplished and What It Might Accomplish."

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Sid J. Thomas, Comanche Chief;

Vice President—J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal;

Secretary—T. B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald;



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Assistant Secretary—John H. Brooks, Weimar Mercury;

Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Attorney—W. W. Walling, San Antonio;

Orator—Homer T. Wilson, San Antonio;

Essayist—T. H. Napier, McKinney Gazette;

Poet—Clarence N. Ousley, Fort Worth Record.

Executive Committee:

First District—F. A. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette;

Second District—J. A. Ford, Timpson Times;

Third District—J. W. Johnson, Longview Times-Clarion;

Fourth District—T. W. Perkins, McKinney Gazette;

Fifth District—W. J. Buie, Waxahachie Enterprise;

Sixth District—J. T. Robison, Kosse Cyclone;

Seventh District—C. A. Chambers, Liberty Vindicator;

Eighth District—J. M. Lewis, Houston Post;

Ninth District—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Tenth District—Lee J. Rountree, Georgetown Commercial;

Eleventh District—G. H. Boynton, Hamilton Herald;

Twelfth District—J. J. Switzer, Weatherford Herald;

Thirteenth District—W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald;

Fourteenth District—Will H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin;

Fifteenth District—H. C. Thompson, Floresville Journal.

Printing Committee—W. J. Buie, J. R. Ransone, Jr.,  
R. W. Martin, T. B. Lusk;

Legislative Committee—W. W. Walling, W. A. Shaw,  
C. N. Ousley.

The following were appointed as delegates to the National Editorial Association: R. E. Yantis, Jasper Collins, B. C. Murray, J. P. Chambless, J. R. Ransone, Jr., J. H. Lowry, J. A. Thomas. Alternates—Will H. Mayes, C. E. Gilmore, P. H. Pardue, Miss M. E. Neal, Henry Reese, Jr., R. M. Thompson, C. I. Boynton.

Brownwood was elected as the next place of meeting.

The little son of Sidney J. Thomas of the Comanche Chief was elected mascot of the Association, and the name given him: Sydney Baillio Thomas.

The following by T. B. Johnson was adopted:

"Whereas, There are throughout our State a great num-



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ber of children who are being raised amid surroundings which have impaired and are impairing their physical, mental and moral natures and causing them to become incorrigible as children, and tending to cause them to become debased and immoral men and women, and to become mental and physical wrecks; and,

"Whereas, the public welfare and the good of society demand that these incorrigible children should be cared for and taught, so that they may grow up useful and worthy citizens; and,

"Whereas, The State of Texas has no proper and sufficient home for these children; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the public welfare and the good of society would be advanced by the erection and maintenance of a State Industrial Home, where these children under the age of sixteen could be sent and taught useful trades and molded into good and worthy citizens; and be it further,

"Resolved, That this Association indorse such, and a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy be sent to the Governor of this State, with the request that he call the attention of the Legislature of Texas to these resolutions, so that the suggestions herein contained may be considered by our Legislature."

The committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution, which was adopted:

"After the sentence concluding with the words, 'and also of his return to active work,' add the words, 'Members placed on the honorary roll, by reason of temporary retirement from active work, shall be dropped from the honorary roll at the expiration of five years.'

This resolution amending section 19 of the By-Laws, so as to make it read as follows, was adopted:



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"It shall be the duty of the retiring secretary, after each annual meeting, under direction of the printing committee, to supervise the printing of the minutes and to distribute the same to the members as early after such annual meeting of the Association as practicable, and not later than three months after each session. The incoming secretary shall supervise the printing and distribution of the badges worn at the regular, annual meeting of this Association following his election, and see that they are issued to bona fide members of this body and members of their families, railroad representatives who may be in attendance, representatives of supply houses, and to no others. The retiring secretary shall, within three months, deliver to the incoming secretary all books, papers, accounts, etc., and the seal of the corporation, taking his receipt therefor."

The President appointed A. N. Justiss, W. W. Dexter, J. S. Perry, Fred B. Robinson and J. L. McCaleb to represent the Association at the dedication of the Texas building at the St. Louis World's Fair, on May 25 of that year (1904).

A handsome sterling silver table service was presented to the retiring president.

The following members responded to call of the roll:

J. D. Autrey, Falls City Pilot; A. C. Baldwin, San Antonio Gazette; J. W. Beck, Milford Courier; Jos. O. Boehmer, Floresville Chronicle; G. H. Boynton, Hamilton Herald; D. L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer; H. D. Cadwell, Gainesville Signal; W. M. Cobb, Bowie Blade; Wm. T. Eichholz, Cuero Rundschau; F. B. Baillio, Western Newspaper Union; Chas M. Barnes, San Antonio Express; Glenn R. Beckham, Flatonia Record; C. I. Boyton, Llano Times; Buck W. Brown, Midlothian Argus-News; R. Polk Burhans, Denison Gazetteer; C. A. Chambers, Liberty Vindicator; Jasper Collins, Carthage Watchman; W. T. Curtis, Carbon Herald; J. M. Daniel, Cotulla Record; Frank Ezzell, Ferris Wheel; H. E. Faubion, Marble Falls Messenger; J. D. Ford, Timpson Times; E. G. Gillette, Runge News; C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle; C. W. Gordon, Calvert Courier; J. S. Hardy, Ennis News; S. Hundley, Moody Courier; Tom B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Courier-Light; Geo. B. Latham, Dallas Farm Journal; J. M. Lewis, Houston Post; R. B. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette; T. B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald; Mrs. R. W. Martin, Gatesville Star-Forum; D. S. Mayes, Whitney Messenger; F. M. McCaleb, Pleasanton Monitor; C. H. McMaster, Galveston Tribune; T. J. Middleton, Waxahachie Mirror; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; Miss M. E. Neal, Carthage Register; C. N. Ousley, Fort Worth Record; J. S. Perry, Temple Tribune; E. L. Ramsey, Thorndale Thorn;



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Henry Reese, Jr., Gonzales Inquirer; F. T. Roche, Georgetown Sun; W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas; Jim Tom Story, Mineral Wells Health Resort; W. W. Dexter, World's Fair Book, Houston; Will V. Ervin, Big Springs Enterprise; S. A. Fishburn, Dallas Home Advocate; M. E. Foster, Houston Chronicle; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; Ernst Goethe, Waco Echo; J. E. Grinstead, Kerrville Mountain Sun; C. E. Hill, San Antonio Liquor Dealer; J. W. Johnson, Longview Times-Clarion; W. A. Johnson, Hall County Herald; Sumner Lansdale, McKinney Gazette; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; F. M. Littlepage, Kountze News; J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal; R. W. Martin, Gatesville Star-Forum; W. H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; J. L. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; J. E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner; E. T. Merriman, Corpus Christi Caller; J. D. Moyer, Honey Grove Citizen; T. H. Napier, Dallas; G. J. Palmer, Houston Post; P. H. Pardue, Alvarado Bulletin; A. L. Pinkston, Center Champion; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; F. B. Robinson, Waco Times-Herald; Edgar Schramm, San Antonio Staats Zeitung; W. G. Sterett, Dallas News; J. A. Thomas, Leonard Graphic; J. H. Sullivan, San Antonio Express; W. M. Thompson, Frost News; Miss Ferdie Triche, Houston Railroad Echo; T. O. Walker, Fort Worth Record; W. M. Warlick, Dallas Presbyterian; John M. Weekly, Ennis Local; P. O. Willson, Taylor Texan; C. W. Wilson, Mineral Wells Index; S. J. Thomas, Comanche Chief; H. C. Thompson, Floresville Journal; W. Tricky, Pearsall Leader; W. W. Walling, San Antonio; W. L. Warrock, Rosebud News; Clayton West, Dallas; L. J. Wortham, Austin Current Issue; R. E. Yantis, Athens Review.

The excursion was to the World's Fair (Louisiana Purchase Exposition) at St. Louis, and was participated in by about one hundred and twenty-five members of the Association and their wives and daughters.



## Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention—1905

THE twenty-sixth annual convention of the Texas Press Association convened in the city of Brownwood, May 10, 1905, and was called to order in the Knights of Pythias Hall by President Sid J. Thomas. Reverend O. M. Fitzhugh of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church offered the invocation. The address of welcome was delivered by Hon. Chester Harrison, in behalf of the city and citizens of Brownwood. The response was by J. H. Lowry.

An effort was made to organize a "Press Congress," to be composed of delegates from the Texas Press Association and the various district associations in the State, but the scheme failed to meet with favor and was abandoned.

A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent of the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, was made a perpetual honorary member of the Association.

The President announced the following committee on membership: W. J. Buie, C. F. Lehmann, T. W. Perkins, B. C. Murray and J. D. Moyer.

The following were elected to membership:

G. L. English, Bonham Herald; F. N. Graves, Cleburne Enterprise; C. E. Manley, Cotulla Record; J. S. Henderson, Corpus Christi Crony; W. B. Wilson, McKinney Democrat; E. C. Hunter, Sherman Democrat; J. C. Florea, Richmond Coaster; R. D. Hudson, Waxahachie Light; J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress; S. N. Thompson, Honey Grove Citizen; A. R. Crawford, Brady Enterprise; W. G. Hayden, Big Spring Herald; C. W. Goff, Greenville Herald; E. J. Stockton, Cisco Round-Up; A. G. McAdams, Wylie Rustler; T. E. Streight, McGregor Mirror; Bruce W. McCarty, Eagle Lake Headlight; R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune; Ben F. Smith, Snyder Western Light; M. E. Rosser, Snyder Coming West; S. W. Thomas, Aspermont Star; Theo. Fulghair, Ladonia News; E. H. Robertson, Groveton Star; E. C. Wedemeyer, Belton Journal-Reporter; J. W. Hunter, Mason Herald; Sam J. Helm, Gainesville Messenger; J. G. Marshall, Paris News.

Colonel C. F. Lehmann, Flag Custodian of the National Editorial Association, had the flag (the Stars and Stripes) of that organization draped across the end of the convention hall. It is a priceless treasure of the National Editorial Asso-



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ciation, and this was the first time it had been exhibited at a meeting of the Texas Press Association. Its history was given as follows:

"It is of heavy silk and was originally the property of the illustrious and lamented Henry W. Grady of the Atlanta Constitution. Mr. Grady presented it to Colonel Elliott of South Carolina who in turn presented it to the National Editorial Association. At the meeting of that organization in Detroit, Michigan, Colonel Elliott was appointed Flag Custodian for life. At his death four years ago, Colonel F. B. Baillio, then President of the National Editorial Association, appointed C. F. Lehmann to the vacancy and since then the flag has been in his keeping. When Lafayette's monument was unveiled in Paris, France, this flag of our country was unfurled; and later it floated over the Eiffel Tower from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and was the only flag of any country, other than France, that was permitted that honor."

The following committees were announced:

Finance—J. M. Lewis, W. E. Gilliland, W. A. Johnson, P. H. Pardue, John J. Switzer;

Resolutions—C. N. Ousley, Jasper Collins, J. A. Thomas, C. E. Gilmore, E. T. Merriman;

Revision of Roll—B. W. Brown, M. J. Cox, Miss M. E. Neal, J. A. Phillips, T. B. Lusk;

Constitution and By-Laws—F. B. Baillio, J. E. McFarland, W. W. Walling, T. E. Streight, F. B. Robinson;

Memorial—D. L. Beach, E. C. Hunter, Sumner Lansdale, G. L. English, R. M. Thompson.

Papers were read as follows:

Tom W. Perkins—"The Press, the Pulpit and the Politician."

C. E. Gilmore—"Are Publishers Availing Themselves of the Improved Facilities of Production and Distribution?"

W. A. Johnson—"Qualifications to Success as an Editor."



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J. A. Thomas—"Ye Editor as a Law Maker."

Joe J. Taylor—"Is a Semi-Weekly Issue More Profitable and More Desirable Than a Weekly?"

J. D. Moyer—"My Esteemed Contemporary Across the Street."

W. G. Sterett—"Our Country Cousins."

J. E. Vernor—"What Are We Here For?"

C. A. Chambers—"How May We Improve Our Opportunities as Publishers?"

A telegram was received from the Dallas News that the town of Snyder, Oklahoma, had been blown away by a cyclone. The secretary was instructed to wire sympathy and send a check for twenty-five dollars for the relief of the storm sufferers.

Will H. Mayes, C. F. Lehmann, Tom B. Johnson and W. W. Walling were appointed to make a digest of the State laws applying to newspapers.

Congressman Slayden addressed the convention and, among other things, said he was glad the press had decreed the pistol "toter" must go, and that the press was a most important factor in the suppression of the habit.

C. N. Ousley who had been elected to read the annual poem stated that he was not prepared and, in lieu of a poem, talked of the needs and importance of the Girls' College of Industrial Arts at Denton, and requested all members of the Association to keep this school before the people.

Following an address by F. P. Holland, the following was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association heartily indorses the recent rulings of Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden, in denying second class postal privileges to publications that are not newspapers or magazines in the true sense of journalism, and in prohibiting the use of ill disguised lottery and other illegitimate schemes."

Colonel B. B. Herbert, of Chicago, editor of the National



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Printer Journalist, and first president of the National Editorial Association, addressed the convention on "the duties of the newspaper man to the public" and other kindred subjects.

The following, offered by C. N. Ousley, was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association hereby indorse the movement represented by the Southern Cotton Association, and we pledge our united assistance to said association in its efforts to aid the cotton growers and business interests of the South."

The committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following amendment to Section 5 of the by-laws, which was adopted:

"Section 5. Immediately after the adjournment of each annual meeting, the secretary shall notify all members, in writing, of their arrears of dues; and if, after notification, payment is not made within sixty days, such members shall be stricken from the roll and shall not thereafter be entitled to the rights and privileges of the Association; provided, however, that where a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, such member shall be entitled to re-instatement upon the payment of all past dues, at the rate of one dollar per year and one dollar advance dues; provided, further, that in no case shall such re-instatement fee exceed the sum of three dollars, upon payment of which sum the secretary shall credit such delinquent with all past dues and dues for one year in advance from the date of the last annual meeting."

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—James H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal;  
Vice President—Tom B. Johnson, San Antonio Light;  
Secretary—T. B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald;  
Assistant Secretary—John H. Brooks, Weimar Mercury;  
Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;  
Attorney—W. W. Walling, San Antonio;  
Orator—M. J. Cox, Moody Courier;  
Essayist—Sumner Lansdale, McKinney Gazette;  
Poet—J. S. Henderson, Corpus Christi Crony.



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### Executive Committee:

First District—J. C. Marshall, Paris News;  
Second District—J. E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner;  
Third District—C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle;  
Fourth District—G. L. Inglish, Bonham Herald;  
Fifth District—W. J. Buie, Waxahachie Enterprise;  
Sixth District—N. P. Houx, Mexia News;  
Seventh District—C. H. McMaster, Galveston Tribune;  
Eighth District—J. M. Lewis, Houston Post;  
Ninth District—John H. Brooks, Weimar Mercury;  
Tenth District—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;  
Eleventh District—T. E. Streight, McGregor Mirror;  
Twelfth District—J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise;  
Thirteenth District—W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald;  
Fourteenth District—J. E. Vernor, Lampasas Leader;  
Fifteenth District—E. T. Merriman, Corpus Christi Caller;  
Sixteenth District—L. A. McCollister, Gordon Courier.

Legislative Committee—W. W. Walling, C. N. Ousley,  
J. A. Thomas;

Printing Committee—J. A. Phillips, E. C. Hunter, J. D.  
Ford.

Delegates to the National Editorial Association—Will H.  
Mayes, T. W. Perkins, Frank Ezzell, R. F. Cates, T. B. Lusk,  
C. E. Gilmore, J. R. Ransone, Jr., Sam P. Harben;

Alternate Delegates—J. A. Phillips, J. A. Thomas, J. P.  
Chambless, Jasper Collins, Buck W. Brown, T. B. Johnson,  
J. D. Ford, D. L. Beach;

First Committeeman, National Editorial Association—  
W. J. Buie.

Corpus Christi was elected as the next place of meeting,  
winning over Dallas, Paris, Temple, Belton and Mineral Wells.

The retiring president was presented with a sterling silver  
table service.

The following members were present at this meeting:

J. S. Bailey, Denton Monitor; F. B. Baillio, Western Newspaper Union; D.  
L. Beach, Gonzales Inquirer; W. V. Ervin, Big Springs Enterprise; H. E. Faubion,  
Marble Falls Messenger; S. A. Fishburn, Dallas Home Advocate; J. D. Ford,  
Timpson Times; R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune; Jasper Collins, Carthage Watchman;  
M. J. Cox, Moody Courier; A. R. Crawford, Brady Enterprise; J. S. Daley, Dublin



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Progress; C. W. Gordon, Calvert Courier; D. R. Hall, Gatesville Messenger; W. G. Hayden, Big Springs Herald; F. P. Holland, Farm and Ranch; E. C. Hunter, Sherman Democrat; R. C. Johnson, Galveston Opera Glass; W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald; Mrs. Olive B. Lee, Lee's Magazine, Dallas; J. M. Lewis, Houston Post; T. B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald; R. W. Martin, Gatesville Star-Forum; Will H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; H. F. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; Bruce W. McCarty, Eagle Lake Headlight; L. A. McCollister, Gordon Courier; J. M. Daniel, Cotulla Record; Frank Ezzell, Ferris Wheel; C. I. Boynton, Llano Times; Buck W. Brown, Midlothian Argus-News; W. J. Buie, Waxahachie Enterprise; H. D. Cadwell, Gainesville Signal; J. C. Florea, Richmond Coaster; Theo. Fulgham, Ladonia News; E. G. Gillet, Runge News; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle; C. W. Goff, Greenville Herald; O. P. Gresham, Temple Mirror; J. S. Hardy, Ennis News; J. S. Henderson, Corpus Christi Crony; J. W. Hunter, Mason Herald; G. L. Inglish, Bonham Herald; Tom B. Johnson, San Antonio Light; Sumner Lansdale, McKinney Gazette; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal; J. G. Marshall, Paris News; Mrs. R. W. Martin, Gatesville Star-Forum; A. G. McAdams, Wylie Rustler; C. H. McMaster, Galveston Tribune; J. E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner; E. T. Merriman, Corpus Christi Caller; T. J. Middleton, Waxahachie Mirror; J. D. Moyer, Honey Grove Citizen; Miss M. E. Neal, Carthage Register; P. H. Pardue, Alvarado Bulletin; J. A. Phillips, Greenville Messenger; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; F. B. Robinson, Waco Times-Herald; Ben F. Smith, Snyder Western Light; E. J. Stockton, Cisco Round-Up; A. Suhler, Waco Echo; C. W. Taylor, Rogers News; J. A. Thomas, Leonard Graphic; F. C. Thompson, Plano Star-Courier; R. M. Thompson, Goldthwaite Eagle; W. W. Walling, San Antonio; J. C. Welch, Bonham Herald; W. B. Wilson, McKinney Democrat; June P. Miller, Chico Review; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; Clarence N. Ousley, Fort Worth Record; Tom W. Perkins, McKinney Gazette; E. L. Ramsey, Thorndale Thorn; E. H. Robertson, Groveton Star; M. E. Rosser, Snyder Coming West; W. G. Sterett, Dallas News; T. E. Streight, McGregor Mirror; John J. Switzer, Weatherford Herald; S. J. Thomas, Comanche Chief; S. W. Thomas, Aspermont Star; W. M. Thompson, Frost News; J. E. Vernor, Lampasas Leader; E. C. Wedemeyer, Belton Journal-Reporter; C. W. Wilson, Mineral Wells Index; Mrs. E. E. Overall, Railway and Industrial Journal.



## Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention—1906

THE twenty-seventh annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in the Pavilion in Corpus Christi, and was called to order by President J. H. Lowry, June 6, 1906. The invocation was by Rev. Southworth of the First Baptist Church of Corpus Christi, after which "America" was sung by the audience. Judge Stayton of Corpus Christi delivered the address of welcome, Jasper Collins responding. The president's annual address was referred to J. A. Thomas, J. S. Daley, John H. Cullom, Jasper Collins and Theo. Fulgham.

The following committees were announced:

Membership—Tom W. Perkins, W. V. Ervin, D. S. Mayes, J. S. Perry, J. D. Moyer;

Revision of Roll—J. A. Thomas, W. A. Johnson, J. S. Daley, A. L. Pinkston, Walter B. Wilson;

Finance—T. E. Streight, Jim Tom Story, Bruce W. McCarty, E. C. Hunter, B. F. Smith;

Memorial—S. J. Thomas, D. J. Moffitt, F. C. Thompson, O. P. Gresham, P. O. Wilson;

Constitution and By-Laws—C. F. Lehmann, G. I. Boynton, W. E. Gilliland, R. B. Lockhart, R. M. Thompson;

Resolutions—J. J. Taylor, Lee J. Rountree, C. W. Goff, S. A. Fishburn, W. J. Buie.

The following were elected to membership:

J. W. Northrup, Giddings News; T. E. Arterberry, Savoy Star; J. M. Shafer, Plainview Herald; R. M. Hudson, Irving Index; W. C. Edwards, Denton Record and Chronicle; M. F. Cowden, Bonham Favorite; W. A. Turnage, Farmersville Sentinel; J. F. Harrison, Farmersville Times; J. L. Webb, Tioga Herald; B. A. Carter, Nocona News; C. B. Gardner, Praetorian Guard, Dallas; A. W. Bradshaw, San Angelo Press; D. Prescott Toomey, Dallas News; W. Z. Spearman, White-wright Sun; C. F. Hart, Bells News; John E. Davis, Mesquite Mesquiter; J. L. Adams, Tyler Courier; J. O. Harper, Mexia Enterprise; A. Lee Brown, Temple Banner-Knight; I. Ardis, Greenville Messenger; J. M. Hughes, Silverton Enterprise; W. L. West, Livingston Enterprise; R. M. Curtis, Falfurrias Facts; James G. May, Ganado Graphic; H. A. Lindenberg, Yoakum Times; R. A. Alford, Leander Record; F. M. Owings, West Times; Orion Procter, Bridgeport Index; W. P. Hobby, Houston Post; J. M. Cunningham, Oakville Leader; Walter B. Whitman,



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Holland's Magazine; Levi A. Dunlap, Meridian Tribune; Miss Maid J. Allen, Granger News; Lon Davis, Sealy News; W. C. Wright, Beeville Picayune; J. C. Howerton, Cuero Record; J. D. Moffitt, Pilot Point Post-Signal; J. W. Falvella, Corpus Christi Caller; J. B. Carrington, San Antonio Express; W. L. DuBose, Devine News; H. B. Terrell, West Times; S. H. McGary, Beaumont Journal.

The following read papers on themes shown opposite their respective names:

D. S. Mayes—"The Cost of Publishing a Six-Column Quarto Newspaper per Thousand Circulation."

Fred B. Robinson—"The City Daily in Comparison with the Country Weekly."

S. J. Thomas—"Is the Crusade Against Patent Medicines Justifiable?"

Walter B. Whitman—"How I Would Run the Business End of a Country Weekly."

G. L. English—"What is a Fair Rate per Inch for Advertising, per Thousand Circulation; and Should a Foreign Advertiser Get a Better Rate than the Home Patron?"

Henry Reese—"How to Keep Books for a Country Weekly."

J. Linn Ladd—"Typesetting Machines in Country Offices."

J. C. Florea—"Should the Inventor of the Gasoline Engine Be Shot, Hung or Burned?"

R. B. Lockhart—"The Proper Make-up of a Country Weekly."

Theo. Fulgham—"Where to Draw the Line on Free Advertising."

R. F. Cates—"Want Ad Column for a Country Paper as Compared with Sandwiched Locals."

T. E. Streight—"How to Get Subscribers, and Hold Them; and Should Country Papers Discontinue Subscriptions at the Date of Expiration?"

Miss Mary Lehmann gave a reading, "The Boat Race;" and in response to an encore, "Which?" from the pen of Judd Mortimer Lewis of the Houston Post.



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An afternoon session was held at Epworth through the courtesy of the Epworth League of Texas, the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad providing an excursion complimentary to the Association. Following this, George F. Lupton, General Passenger Agent of this railroad, was given a royal reception on his appearance in the convention hall, was invited to a seat on the platform, and in token of the appreciation and esteem in which he was held, was "promoted," by unanimous vote of the Association, to the rank and title of "Colonel;" and his chief clerk, F. D. Daggett, by the same authority "advanced" to the rank of "Major."

The committee on awards for the best samples of printing announced that Levi A. Dunlap of the Meridian Tribune had received the prize of \$50.

J. A. Thomas read a poem, "The Grand Old State of Texas," written by Miss Alice Kennedy of San Antonio. The annual essay was by Sumner Lansdale. A poetical and humorous composition, from the pen of "Mollie O'Brien" of Port Lavaca, was read by J. E. Vernor. The title of the poem was, "I Wish I Was an Editor." J. S. Henderson read the annual poem, entitled "The Raker." A poem written by W. W. Dexter of Houston was read by Mrs. Wade Walker.

The following by George H. Boynton was adopted:

"Resolved, That we condemn, in all instances, any tendency of the United States Government to unnecessarily interfere with the rights of her citizens, and in any unnecessary way entering into competition with private enterprise. We point out as one instance of this unjust competition the printing of envelopes by the Government for private parties, firms and corporations. The original intention of this policy of the Government was evidently to encourage the more general use of the return card on envelopes, but we insist that it accomplishes nothing in this regard, from the fact that as almost a universal rule the individuals, firms and corporations who



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patronize the Government in this matter are those who would not send out mail without the return card; and the work being done by the Government simply operates to take a large amount of the best and most desirable business from a legitimate trade which should not thus be compelled to compete with the Government which they help to maintain.

"Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to inclose a copy of this resolution to the various proper authorities in such matters at Washington, and to each of our Senators and Congressmen, and respectfully and earnestly invite their attention to the above.

"Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their efforts to secure such legislation as is necessary to carry this resolution into effect and attain the desired end."

The following offered by F. T. Roche was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that legal advertisements should command legal rates, and should be paid for at the rate fixed by law."

The committee on the President's annual address reported as follows:

"That we heartily indorse the high-toned sentiment and strict ethical precepts of the aforesaid message.

"Resolved, That this Association indorses the suggestion of our President for a more efficient libel law, to the end that the press may, with comparative safety from criminal prosecution, publish all legitimate news for public information and general welfare; and, be it further

"Resolved, That we recommend that our legislative committee prepare, or cause to be prepared, a comprehensive and effective bill and present same to the next Legislature and urge its passage and enactment into law.

"Resolved, That it is contrary to the ethics of this Association for its members to solicit and urge upon candidates for office the customary formal announcement in their columns;



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that good taste would suggest the indelicacy of such procedure, and that such matters should be handled in an elevated business way.

"Resolved, That we condemn any method of securing advertising patronage that smacks of coercion or intimidation; that any publisher who attempts to secure advertising contracts by threats of business opposition, threats of withdrawal of personal support, or other intimidating methods, is unworthy of membership in this Association."

G. H. Boynton offered the following which was adopted:

"Whereas, It is the desire of this Association to suggest to the newspapers of Texas the adoption of such methods and practices as will best conserve the interests of the publishers and the public at large; and

"Whereas, From time immemorial there has been an idea in some remote quarters that a weekly newspaper is public property, to be used as a free horse by all organizations—social, religious, and otherwise—and that no charge should be made for publishing various and sundry notices; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Texas Press Association that all notices of entertainments, of whatever character, where the object is to raise money, and all resolutions of sympathy, cards of thanks, and notices of that nature, come under the head of legitimate advertising and should be paid for; and this Association, in behalf of reputable and progressive journalism, would urge that its members, and all publishers, demand, as a business proposition, that such matters be so regarded and so paid for."

A resolution by A. S. Crisp, declaring that the maximum of \$5 for printing sheriff's sales is too low, was adopted.

A sterling silver table-service was presented to the retiring president. Galveston was selected as the next place of meeting. The excursion was to Brownsville and to Matamoras, Mexico.



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Officers were elected as follows:

President—Tom W. Perkins, McKinney Courier-Gazette;

Vice President—W. J. Buie, San Angelo Standard;

Secretary—T. B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald;

Assistant Secretary—Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo;

Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Attorney—W. W. Walling, San Antonio;

Orator—H. B. Terrell, West Times;

Essayist—Lee J. Rountree, Georgetown Commercial;

Poet—Judd Mortimer Lewis, Houston Post.

Executive Committee:

First District—R. B. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette;

Second District—F. M. Littlepage, Kountze News;

Third District—R. E. Yantis, Athens Review;

Fourth District—Walter B. Wilson, McKinney Democrat-Gazette;

Fifth District—John H. Cullom, Dallas Record;

Sixth District—J. O. Harper, Mexia Enterprise;

Seventh District—John R. Hedges, Galveston News;

Eighth District—C. B. Gillespie, Houston Chronicle;

Ninth District—John H. Brooks, Weimar Mercury;

Tenth District—Miss Maid J. Allen, Granger News;

Eleventh District—Ernst Goethe, Waco Echo;

Twelfth District—J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress;

Thirteenth District—Ben F. Smith, Snyder Western Light;

Fourteenth District—J. E. Grinstead, Kerrville Mountain Sun;

Fifteenth District—J. S. Henderson, Corpus Christi Crony;

Sixteenth District—Eugene Moore, Stephenville Empire.

Legislative Committee—W. W. Walling, C. E. Gilmore, J. E. Grinstead, G. W. McKnight, W. E. Gilliland;

Printing Committee—J. D. Moyer, J. L. Adams, A. L. Pinkston, E. A. Thompson, T. B. Lusk;

Programme Committee—Lee J. Rountree, J. H. Cullom, C. H. McMaster, R. M. Johnston, Sam P. Harben, T. H. Napier, W. G. Sterett, C. N. Ousley, T. B. Lusk, T. W. Perkins.

Delegates to the National Editorial Association—Sam P. Harben, T. H. Napier, Lee J. Rountree, T. B. Lusk, J. P.



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Chambless, J. F. Harrison, J. H. Lowry, F. C. Thompson, Levi A. Dunlap, C. I. Boynton;

Alternate Delegates—T. E. Streight, J. H. Cullom, N. P. Houx, John E. Davis, J. D. Ford, R. M. Hudson, E. C. Hunter, S. J. Thomas, W. C. Edwards, C. W. Wilson;

Executive Committee, National Editorial Association—J. R. Ransone, Jr.

After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and prayer by Rev. M. F. Cowden of the Bonham Favorite, the Association adjourned to meet in Galveston.



## Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention—1907

THE twenty-eighth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in Harmony Hall in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Galveston, and was called to order by President Tom W. Perkins on May 16, 1907. The invocation was by Rev. Dr. C. E. Freeman, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Galveston. The address of welcome was by Hon. H. A. Landes, mayor of Galveston, and the response by G. L. English. Tom H. Bell was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

The following committees were announced:

Membership—Lee J. Rountree, E. C. Hunter, W. A. Johnson, J. M. Weekly, J. R. Ransone, Jr.;

Finance—Sam P. Harben, John E. Davis, Ben F. Smith, J. S. Hardy, T. E. Streight;

Revision of Roll—W. E. Gilliland, J. D. Moyer, F. B. Whipky, F. M. Littlepage, Miss M. E. Neal;

Resolutions—D. P. Toomey, J. D. Ford, A. N. Justiss, R. E. Yantis, Mrs. J. S. Rowell;

Memorial—C. E. Gilmore, Frank Ezzell, W. V. Ervin, Miss Maid J. Allen, J. H. Lowry;

Constitution and By-Laws—J. H. Cullom, Orion Procter, R. M. Hudson, Will H. Mayes, W. J. Buie.

The President's annual address was referred to a committee composed of John H. Cullom, Ben F. Smith, C. W. Wilson, J. S. Hardy and N. P. Houx.

Miss Mary Lehmann, who was introduced as "The Winnie Davis of the Texas Press Association, whom all love whether single or married," recited "Galveston," written by Judd Mortimer Lewis; and in response to an encore, recited a laughable skit entitled "The Sweet Girl Graduate," by Phelps.



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R. H. McCarty, Albany News; J. M. Adams, Comanche Pioneer-Exponent; H. H. Coplen, Palmer Rustler; Tom H. Bell, Ladonia News; L. E. Haskett, Childress Index; Stanley H. Watson, Southwestern Farmer, Houston; Ward Taylor, Jefferson Jimplecute; Guy F. Tufts, Celeste Courier; F. M. Getzendaner, Uvalde Leader-News; H. P. Nelson, Farmersville Sentinel; Jim Tom Story, Sr., Lone Oak News; W. H. Whitley, Wolfe City Sun; W. H. Taylor, Thurber Journal; John F. Lubben, Galveston News; E. A. Heath, Hico News-Review; E. P. Haney, Byers Searchlight; J. H. Wurtz, San Antonio Light; H. V. Hamilton, Palestine Herald; W. S. Davis, San Marcos Herald; C. E. Lee, Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter; J. L. Hopper, Dallas Poultry Journal; Fred E. Horton, Greenville Banner; Harvey Miller, New Boston News; T. C. Richardson, Wheeler County Texan; Joe Sappington, Temple, Remarks and Arrow; Henry C. Harris, Greenville Herald; J. J. Dillard, Lubbock Avalanche; J. H. Connell, Texas Farm and Ranch; S. A. Wilkinson, Palmer Rustler; E. E. Anthony, Comanche Chief; August C. Dietze, Karnes City Citation; Ed Satterwhite, Wortham Journal; A. D. Jackson, Mineola Monitor; J. E. Chandler, Abilene News; A. A. Abney, Denton News; J. C. Mahoney, Pleasanton News; Mrs. Maud Hardwicke, Corpus Christi Sun; J. D. Boykin, Kaufman Post; Amos C. McConnell, Vernon Call; W. J. Yates, Corpus Christi Crony; J. A. Weatherly, Nixonville News; G. W. Vinson, Rosenberg Herald; B. F. Fulkerson, Bonham Favorite; L. C. Kirgan, Fairfield Recorder; J. M. Limbocker, Houston Heights Suburbanite; D. G. Robbins, San Antonio Light; Will T. Hawkins, Nacogdoches Sentinel; J. L. Lovelace, Atlanta News; J. S. Hill, Waco Farm and Poultry Journal; Mrs. B. F. Hart, Quanah Observer; Harry Koch, Quanah Tribune-Chief; M. L. Pouns, Daingerfield News; Henry W. Schutze, Marfa New Era; J. O. Smith, Elgin Courier; Frank Gaston, Granbury News; Melvin C. Churchill, Palacios Times; John T. Risen, Carrollton Chronicle; W. F. Bookman, Madisonville Meteor; A. C. Coers, New Braunfels Herald; Harold Baldwin, Sabinal Sentinel; Ernest Rafferty, Tyler Times; A. T. Davis, Tenaha Messenger; Laten Stanberry, Arlington Journal; Emma Musgrove, Jacksonville Banner; W. C. Huchington, Dublin Telephone; L. Seabrook, Port Lavaca Wave; H. J. Harrison, Dallas Western Presbyterian; J. W. Canada, San Antonio Texas Fruits; E. M. Chrestman, Grand Saline Sun; Geo. M. Martin, Pleasanton News; Ernest Lodon, Sanger Courier; E. M. Hulbert, Lancaster Herald; A. L. Holland, Bellville Times.

C. H. McMaster, who was on the programme for a paper on "Galveston Re-habilitated," announced that he would have no paper on this subject inasmuch as all the editors had read about the progress Galveston had made since the storm and, also, now have the opportunity to see the city completely re-habilitated, and even more. He invited all to inspect the grade raising, the beach, the sea-walls and the wharves, assuring all they would be fully convinced of the present greatness and supremacy of Galveston as a port, as a city, and as a resort. R. C. Johnson of the Galveston Opera Glass was on the programme to read a paper on the same subject but he, too, in a



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brief speech invited all to look about them and see how well Galveston had regained her former greatness.

Miss Calel, daughter of R. E. Yantis, entertained the Association with a violin solo and was applauded so enthusiastically that she was obliged to respond with another selection. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended Miss Yantis who was but ten years of age. Her technique is said to be remarkable in one so young. She is a Texas product of which the press boys are justly very proud.

The following was read:

"Galveston, Texas, May 17.—Mr. Tom W. Perkins, President Texas Press Association, Galveston, Texas. Dear Sir: The Business League of Port Lavaca has authorized the undersigned officers to present to your Association a proposition in which, in our opinion, every member of your Association will be thoroughly interested. Many organizations in the State have secured a location overlooking some beautiful bay on which to erect a bungalow, or a family club house, where they can take their families and friends at any season of the year and spend a short time at rest and recreation; where they can fish, boat, bathe, or hunt to their heart's content. We believe Calhoun County offers the most beautiful spot for the location of a club house of this kind of any in the State, and we are authorized to say to you that we will deed, free and clear of all incumbrance, a location of this character to your Association, and would be pleased to present the matter to your body, at your convenience.

(Signed) Yours very truly,

S. M. Scott, Vice-President.

L. Seabrook, President."

After Mr. Scott had addressed the convention in regard to the above proposition, it was accepted, the only condition to the donation being that the Association appoint a board of trustees to whom the property could be deeded. C. F. Lehmann, Lee J. Rountree and E. C. Hunter were appointed as the board of trustees to receive and take over this property for the



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Association. Later, to-wit, July 20, 1907, the trustees made the following report: "To the Texas Press Association: We, your committee, appointed at the Galveston meeting of the Press Association to visit Port Lavaca and select the site on the Alamo Beach donated to the Association by Colonel S. M. Scott, general manager of the Alamo Beach Company, beg leave to report that we have performed that duty. We visited the Beach on June 29, 1907, and selected three lots 75x150 feet each, making a 225-foot front, situated near the Matagorda and Lavaca Bays, three and one-half miles from Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas. We wish to state that Colonel Scott accorded us the right to select any site on the Beach and we selected the most choice spot we found. The deed to this land will be executed and duly recorded upon the terms of the donation at Galveston. This site is one of the most delightful spots on the Texas coast. Our Association is fortunate in securing this land. Respectfully submitted.—C. F. Lehmann, E. C. Hunter, Lee J. Rountree."

Papers were read as follows:

J. H. Lowry—"The Texas Editors and the General Passenger Agents."

J. E. Grinstead—"The Newspaper Man as a Legislator."

N. T. Blackwell—"Practical Advertising."

Will H. Mayes—"County and District Associations."

C. N. Ousley—"How We Got Our Papers After the Storm, or Issuing a Paper Under Difficulties."

Wm. P. Hobby—"The Texas Libel Law."

Mrs. J. D. Ford—"Why I'm In the Newspaper Business."

Sumner Lansdale—"The Newspaper as the Exponent of Public Opinion."

N. P. Houx—"Reminiscences."

E. T. Merriman—"Is the Job Department a Necessary Adjunct to the Country Office?"

A. S. Crisp—"What the Thirtieth Legislature Did for the Newspapers."



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The annual essay was by Lee J. Rountree and the annual oration by H. B. Terrell. Miss Marie, daughter of Tom W. Perkins, then a little miss of fourteen years, rendered two entertaining recitations showing marked talent for intelligent interpretation. Mrs. Fred W. Bott, wife of the manager of the Southern branch of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, entertained the Association with a solo which so delighted her audience that she was heartily encored. In responding, she rendered in voice exquisitely sweet that song which never grows old, "Annie Laurie."

Misses Lucile and Leola, daughters of John H. Cullom, rendered a vocal duet entitled "What Are the Wild Waves Saying?" and in response to generous applause, sang "Just A-Wearying for You."

The committee on the President's address reported:

"1. We commend the position of our President in opposing any increase in the rate of second-class postage, believing such increase to be unnecessary and a discrimination against newspapers of the country.

"2. We reiterate our oft expressed opposition to the Government entering into competition with private business enterprise by printing envelopes for the trade, believing that such action is outside the province of governmental functions and an injury to the printing craft.

"3. With regard to the anti-pass law, we commend, unequivocally, the stand taken by our President and other members who have spoken on the matter. It violates a fundamental principle of liberty and justice, and is an unwarranted and unjust discrimination against the newspaper people of the State, which, if allowed to go unchecked, jeopardizes the liberties and rights of the people. To this end, we recommend that steps be taken, immediately, to test the constitutionality of the law in the courts, by mandamus or otherwise. We recommend the appointment of a committee of three members to take this matter in charge with full power to act for the Association



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as in their judgment may seem necessary. For the chairman of the committee proposed, we respectfully recommend Colonel William G. Sterett of the Dallas News."

As first submitted this report assessed a levy of five dollars against each member of the Association, to be used as attorney fees and to defray other expenses incident to a suit in the courts, but this provision was stricken out on motion of W. A. Shaw. The report was freely discussed and was finally adopted as amended; whereupon, W. G. Sterett, W. A. Shaw, John H. Cullom and W. W. Walling were appointed to look after the interests of the Texas Press Association in testing in the courts the anti-pass law enacted by the Thirtieth Legislature.

The following officers were elected:

President—W. J. Buie, Waxahachie Enterprise;  
Vice President—W. G. Sterett, Dallas News;  
Secretary—Tom B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald;  
Assistant Secretary—Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo;  
Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;  
Attorney—W. W. Walling, San Antonio;  
Essayist—R. H. McCarty, Albany News;  
Orator—C. N. Ousley, Fort Worth Record;  
Poet—Judd Mortimer Lewis, Houston Post.  
Executive Committee:

First District—Harvey Miller, New Boston News;  
Second District—S. H. McGary, Beaumont Journal;  
Third District—R. E. Yantis, Athens Review;  
Fourth District—E. C. Hunter, Sherman Democrat;  
Fifth District—J. S. Hardy, Ennis News;  
Sixth District—N. P. Houx, Mexia News;  
Seventh District—C. H. McMaster, Galveston Tribune;  
Eighth District—G. E. Kepple, LaPorte Chronicle;  
Ninth District—Wm. T. Eichholz, Cuero Rundschau;  
Tenth District—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;  
Eleventh District—O. P. Gresham, Temple Mirror;  
Twelfth District—D. Matt Thrash, Cleburne Review;  
Thirteenth District—W. C. Edwards, Denton Record and Chronicle;  
Fourteenth District—H. F. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin;  
Fifteenth District—F. M. Getzendaner, Uvalde Leader News;



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Sixteenth District—C. W. Wilson, Mineral Wells Index.

The following committees were appointed:

Legislative—J. E. Grinstead, F. T. Roche, T. J. Middleton, W. J. Yates, W. W. Walling;

Printing—A. N. Justiss, E. Goethe, F. B. Whipky, Tom B. Lusk;

Programme—F. B. Baillio, J. H. Connell, Joe J. Taylor, J. F. Harrison, Will A. Holford, W. J. Buie, Tom B. Lusk;

Delegates, National Editorial Association—C. N. Ousley, J. H. Lowry, G. W. McKnight, C. E. Gilmore, W. G. Sterett, T. E. Streight, J. S. Daley, S. J. Thomas, J. R. Ransone, Jr., Miss M. E. Neal, F. P. Holland, Tom W. Perkins, Tom B. Lusk, Sam P. Harben, E. T. Merriman;

Alternate Delegates—C. B. Gillespie, W. V. Ervin, Frank Ezzell, W. M. Warlick, Lee J. Rountree, W. L. West, Bruce McCarty, G. L. English, A. S. Crisp, H. B. Terrell, J. G. Murphy, J. T. Robinson, W. E. Gilliland, J. C. Florea, C. H. McMaster.

Executive Committeeman National Editorial Association—J. P. Chambless.

The retiring president was presented with a sterling silver table service, and Mineral Wells was elected as the next place of meeting.

On adjournment of the Association, the members boarded a special train (furnished by Colonel R. M. Johnston of the Houston Post) for Houston where the courtesies of that city were extended the visitors and every effort made to make their visit one to be most pleasantly remembered.

### Executive Committee Meeting.

The executive committee of the Texas Press Association was called to order in the rooms of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, on Sept. 7, 1907, by President W. J. Buie, who stated that the object of the meeting was to receive the report of the special committee appointed at the last annual convention to consider the anti-pass law. Messrs. Sterett, Shaw and Cullom,



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three of the four members composing the committee, had made a special trip to Austin, and while there had consulted the Attorney General and others in regard to the law. Colonel Sterett reiterated his recommendation that all members of the Association retain their transportation and carry out their part of their contracts with the railroads. He also stated that the committee had consulted with several of the most prominent attorneys in the State as to the constitutionality of the law, submitted their opinions in writing, and added that nearly all of them differed. The Attorney General, Colonel Sterett added further, declined to pass upon the constitutionality of a legislative enactment. The opinions of Judge Stedman of the International and Great Northern Railroad and A. H. McKnight of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, were read, but were not, it was stated, for publication. State Senator E. G. Senter addressed the meeting but asked that his remarks be not published. After discussion it was deemed advisable to make a test of the law in the courts, and a committee, consisting of W. C. Edwards, C. W. Wilson and H. F. Mayes, was appointed to plan the test and report in the afternoon.

Henry Camp Harris of the Greenville Herald, stated that he had a proposition to test the law and his proposition was accepted, Messrs. Sterett, Shaw and Cullom being instructed to confer with Mr. Harris and arrange all details of the suit. Colonel T. J. Middleton wanted to know whether the police power of the State conferred the power to abridge the right of contract. It was the general opinion that, unless it was clear such a contract was against public policy, it could not be abridged.

The following address to the people was issued to set before them the anti-pass matter in its proper light:

"Whereas, It has been charged that the efforts of the press of the State of Texas, to relieve itself of the burdens



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placed on it by the anti-pass law, are directed toward the destruction of the whole of such law; and

"Whereas, This alleged fact is commented upon as evidence of the insincerity of the press in demanding the making of such a law; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the people of Texas be advised of the true position of the press on this question, which is as follows:

"The press of the State stands now, as it has stood, for a law which will prevent the issuance of free passes to officials; because such courtesies extended by corporations to law-makers, law-definers, and law-enforcers, are calculated to blandish and balk officials, to the destruction of a pure and impartial policy of government.

"But in the enactment of the law, the Legislature saw fit to restrict and prohibit the owner of a newspaper from exchanging the space in his paper for transportation over the railways of the State, and by so doing deliberately set aside the right of a citizen to enter into contracts which are not detrimental to the public good, or immoral, or depraving in their character.

"Under the circumstances, the newspaper owners, and members of the State Association, feel impelled to fight in the courts the inhibition and limitation imposed upon them therein; and it is distinctly announced that the press of the State of Texas stands for, and advocates, a fair, impartial law, undefiled through being born of revenge or spite, as it has always stood; and that the effort to trim the present law to respectable statute is directed wholly to the elimination of the objectionable provision which sets aside the newspaper man as a special subject of prohibitory and restrictive legislation.

"Resolved, That the press of Texas has never received, and does not ever expect to receive from the railroads any transportation, except in payment for advertising at its full value.

"Resolved, That the press of Texas does not indorse any



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system under which, under any conditions, newspaper men shall receive free transportation.

"Signed by W. G. Sterett, W. A. Shaw, John H. Cullom."

At the afternoon session the special committee, appointed to recommend a course of action in regard to a test of the anti-pass law, submitted the following:

"We recommend that the Texas Press Association make a contest of said law in so far as it concerns the right of contract by newspapers and the railways of the State.

"To defray the expenses of this contest aforesaid, we recommend that the secretary of the Texas Press Association call upon the members thereof for voluntary contributions." (This was orally amended to put in place of the last three words the words "by draft for five dollars each.")

"We further recommend that the newspapers of Texas, in the meantime, conduct an educational campaign for the purpose of showing to the people of Texas, not alone the injustice of this law to the newspapers, but that it is, as well, a blow aimed at the liberties of the people at large and their right to conduct their own business as they see fit.

"Signed by W. C. Edwards, W. C. Wilson, H. F. Mayes."

Before adjournment of the executive committee, the following, offered by F. B. Baillio, was adopted:

"Whereas, The price of paper, type, labor, in fact everything which enters into the production of a newspaper, has advanced in price, together with the cost of living; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the executive committee of the Texas Press Association recommends that wherever possible the publishers of papers increase their subscription price and rates of advertising."



## Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention—1908

THE twenty-ninth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was called to order by President W. J. Buie, May 21, 1908, in the Chautauqua Auditorium in Mineral Wells. Rev. J. W. Downs, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Mineral Wells, invoked the divine blessing, after which "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung, led by Miss Dolly Morris (at the piano) and Mrs. C. E. Whitney. F. C. Highsmith, mayor of Mineral Wells, delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by R. E. Yantis on behalf of the Association. An invitation was received from Weatherford to visit that city on the morrow, which was accepted.

The following committee appointments were announced:

Membership—C. E. Gilmore, O. P. Gresham, Frank Ez-zell, T. W. Perkins, Ernst Goethe;

Constitution and By-Laws—S. J. Thomas, W. E. Gilliland, F. B. Baillio, Cyrus Coleman, Frank Gaston;

Resolutions—J. H. Lowry, J. J. Taylor, J. S. Hardy, G. L. English, J. A. Thomas;

Revision of Roll—N. P. Houx, T. E. Streight, Orion Procter, June P. Miller, Dan S. Mayes;

Finance—R. B. Lockhart, Miss Margie E. Neal, W. H. Whitley, J. R. Ransone, Jr., Ernest Rafferty;

Memorial—Will H. Mayes, C. W. Goff, J. M. Adams, E. C. Hunter, W. A. Johnson.

The President's address was referred to a committee composed of T. E. Streight, W. E. Gilliland and F. B. Baillio.

A resolution indorsing Will H. Mayes for the presidency of the National Editorial Association was adopted.

Louis J. Wortham offered the following, which was adopted:



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"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association commend the movement inaugurated by the united agricultural and commercial interests of this State, and expressed in their demand for 'fewer and better laws,' and that all of its members be urged to support this movement to the end that every enterprise having for its aim the development of Texas resources and the advancement of Texas Civilization may receive the constant and intelligent attention and concern of the Texas press, which is exceeded in the quality of its patriotism and the soundness of its conscience by the press of no State in the American Union."

Miss Calel, daughter of R. E. Yantis, gave a violin solo, and then responded to an encore. Her performance was much enjoyed, and she exhibited marked musical ability and skill for one so young.

The flag of the Texas Press Association, which had been lost sight of for several years, was returned by J. S. Daley of the Dublin Progress who had received it of Will H. Neel, in whose care and possession it had been. The flag, the Lone Star flag of Texas, was presented to the Association during its annual convention in Fort Worth, in 1894, by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Silliman; and since that time it has floated in many breezes. It was carried to the meeting of the National Editorial Association at Asbury Park, New Jersey, in 1894; to the Tennessee Centennial, at Nashville and to the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, in 1897; to the Confederate re-union at Houston; to the Tri-State press meeting, at Eureka Springs, Arkansas; and to several other places. On motion of F. B. Baillio, J. S. Daley was elected flag custodian for life.

Addresses were made by Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor University, Waco, his subject being, "The Opportunity of the Press in the Education of the People;" Hon. O. B. Colquitt, a member of the Texas Railroad Commission, "The Railroads, the Press and the People;" F. M. Bralley, of Austin, "Education."



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Papers were read as follows:

D. Matt Thrash—"Gathering News for a Small Daily."

Miss Kate Daffan—"Woman's Work for the Press."

John E. Davis and A. C. McConnell—"Do Conditions Warrant an Increase in the Subscription Price of the Country Weekly."

F. M. Getzendaner—"The Newspaper's Duty in the Making and Enforcement of the Laws."

Miss Margie E. Neal—"Building a Newspaper Home."

G. W. McKnight—"The New Postal Regulations and Their Effect upon the Country Press."

W. C. Edwards—"Responsibility of the Publisher to the Public in the Matter of his Advertising Columns."

The annual essay was read by R. H. McCarty, the subject being, "What We'd Rather Do." C. N. Ousley delivered the annual oration. The annual poem, "To the Editors," was read by Judd Mortimer Lewis.

Miss Mary, daughter of C. F. Lehmann, was presented to the Association by President Buie as "The Winnie Davis" of the Texas Press Association. She is an accomplished reader and rendered in a charming manner "Mr. Travers," by Richard Harding Davis, to the encores for which she was obliged to respond with another selection.

Louis J. Wortham, in speaking to Mr. Getzendaner's paper, said if the Texas Press Association had been organized along strong lines, the monstrous anti-pass law could never have been passed; that in a way, the newspapers are responsible for the election of the representatives who voted for that bill. He reviewed the history of the law, and the fact that the working newspaper men refused, under the anti-lobby law, to have anything to say against the bill. He declared that if the newspaper men were united for a few strong principles, and held to them, that they would be invincible and a power in the



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land; that the Texas press is powerless for good to the State so long as it quibbles over immaterial things.

The following were elected to membership:

W. D. Hart, Cooper Review; L. B. Shook, Abilene Reporter; M. M. Smith, Texas Medical News, Dallas; J. A. Proske, Giddings Volksblatt; Hall W. Whitley, Jacksonville Reformer; John P. Cooper, Anson Western Reporter; T. M. Jones, Gail Borden Citizen; John F. Turner, Shafter Lake Herald; C. F. Drake, Jacksonville Reformer; W. C. Vogel, Feld und Flur, Dallas; Willard E. Carpenter, Fort Worth Telegram; Mrs. C. M. Hughes, Wharton Spectator; C. L. Schless, Lufkin News.

The members of the Association visited Weatherford in a body and were taken in carriages and automobiles to all parts of the city; visited the Knights of Pythias Widows' and Orphans' Home and Industrial School two miles east of the city; and wound up an afternoon of pleasure at a reception at the elegant home of Colonel and Mrs. George M. Bowie where the Fourth Regiment Band discoursed music and the ladies of that city served refreshments. It was good to be there. The following resolution, signed by T. E. Streight and C. F. Lehmann, was adopted:

"Inasmuch as the Texas Press Association has for its purpose the promotion of higher class newspaper work and the betterment of the craft in every phase, as well as the social features which are so much enjoyed, be it

"Resolved, That the committee on programme for 1909 use its best efforts in formulating a schedule of brief papers and discussions which will deal with practical affairs, in detail, in newspaper work, and fairly bristle with discussions calculated to improve the business of our membership."

A resolution was adopted indorsing the work of the Texas Conference for Education, and pledging the Association's efforts toward the adoption of the amendment to the constitution, submitted by the recent session of the Legislature, looking to longer terms of country schools.

The committee to which was referred the President's address reported:



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"The paper is full of good suggestions and worthy the careful attention of all members of this Association. The suggestion in regard to the committee on legislation should be carried out, and the necessary appropriation be made if found necessary. Your committee is of the opinion that it would not be for the best interests of this Association to advance the dues, as past experience has proven that increased dues has resulted in loss of membership and revenue. In regard to the papers read before this body, we beg to suggest that after a member has devoted his time and best talents to the preparation of a paper, he should be entitled to have it printed in the minutes, and the more especially as it, by being read, becomes a part of the records and history of the Association."

The committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following:

"Your committee respectfully reports that it has no recommendations to make for any change or amendment in the organic laws of this Association. We would, however, suggest that the president, instead of the executive committee, as has heretofore been the custom, be authorized to formulate the programme; and fix the date of meeting of the annual sessions of this Association, with the co-operation and advice of the citizens of the cities where the meetings are to be held."

After the adoption of the amendment offered by C. N. Ousley, that the wording of the report be changed to read, "request that the president be charged with the arrangement of programme and the date of meeting," the report was adopted.

The retiring president and retiring secretary were each presented with a handsome sterling silver table service. On motion of S. J. Thomas the retiring secretary, Tom B. Lusk, was commended for his efficient services as secretary for the preceding five years. Marlin was selected as the next place of meeting. The excursion was to Weatherford.



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The following officers were elected:

President—C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle;  
Vice President—W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald;  
Secretary—Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo;  
Assistant Secretary—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;  
Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;  
Attorney—W. W. Walling, San Antonio;  
Orator—J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise;  
Essayist—Miss Margie E. Neal, Carthage Register;  
Poet—R. H. McCarty, Albany News;  
Flag Custodian—J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress.

Executive Committee:

First District—R. B. Lockhart, Pittsburg Gazette;  
Second District—J. E. McFarland, Jacksonville Banner;  
Third District—J. A. Thomas, Mineola Monitor;  
Fourth District—J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal;  
Fifth District—Walter B. Whitman, Holland's Magazine,  
Dallas;  
Sixth District—J. T. Robison, Kosse Cyclone;  
Seventh District—H. V. Hamilton, Palestine Herald;  
Eighth District—J. M. Lewis, Houston Post;  
Ninth District—A. S. Crisp, Cuero Star;  
Tenth District—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;  
Eleventh District—T. E. Streight, McGregor Mirror;  
Twelfth District—D. Matt Thrash, Cleburne Review;  
Thirteenth District—W. C. Edwards, Denton Record and  
Chronicle;  
Fourteenth District—H. F. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin;  
Fifteenth District—F. M. Getzendaner, Uvalde Leader-News;  
Sixteenth District—W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star.

The following committees were announced:

Printing—Levi A. Dunlap, E. Goethe, F. B. Whipky, Sam P. Harben;

Programme—T. E. Streight, J. R. Ransone, Jr., R. E. Yantis;

Legislation—F. B. Baillio, G. H. Boynton, T. J. Middleton, W. H. Whitley, D. S. Mayes;



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Delegates to the National Editorial Association—J. R. Ransone, Jr., N. P. Houx, W. J. Buie, T. B. Lusk, W. A. Holford, Cyrus Coleman, D. P. Toomey, W. A. Johnson, C. W. Wilson, C. A. Chambers, Clarence Ousley;

Alternate Delegates—Henry C. Harris, J. D. Ford, J. D. Moyer, John E. Davis, Frank Gaston, Ernest Rafferty, J. C. Florea, H. B. Savage, Joe Sappington, T. H. Bell, W. Z. Spearman.



## Thirtieth Annual Convention—1909

THE thirtieth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in the Arlington Opera House in Marlin, beginning May 27, 1909, President C. E. Gilmore presiding. Dr. J. H. Gambrell, pastor of the Marlin Baptist Church, offered the invocation. Addresses of welcome were made by Mayor F. S. Hefner on behalf of the city, and by Hon. E. W. Bounds on behalf of the citizens of Marlin. The response to the addresses of welcome was made by Sumner Lansdale on behalf of the Association.

The president's address was referred to a committee composed of J. H. Lowry, J. A. Thomas, J. S. Hardy and R. E. Yantis.

The following committee appointments were announced:

Membership—W. A. Johnson, T. W. Perkins, Cyrus Coleman, J. S. Hardy, James A. Greer;

Constitution and By-Laws—F. B. Baillio, F. M. Littlepage, E. M. Chrestman, Ernst Goethe, S. J. Thomas;

Resolutions—Miss Maid J. Allen, J. J. Taylor, Joe Sappington, E. A. Heath, T. H. Bell;

Revision of Roll—J. A. Thomas, T. B. Lusk, Ward Taylor, Wm. Eichholz, R. F. Cates;

Finance—T. E. Streight, J. R. Ransone, Jr., J. M. Kennedy, H. V. Hamilton, J. F. Turner;

Memorial—J. H. Lowry, R. E. Yantis, J. M. Weekly, W. C. Edwards, Harvey Miller.

James Hays Quarles, press agent of the A. & M. College, addressed the convention and took occasion to thank the newspapers of the State for their hearty co-operation in his work.

President Gilmore set aside the regular programme and



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invited discussion of the subject: "If You Should Die, How Much Would Your Administrator Be Able to Find Out About Your Business by Examining Your Books?" The subject was discussed by several members.

An invitation was extended by Misses Williemae Warrock and Myrtle Cox, publishers of the Christian Patriot, to attend a "Pie Social" to be given at their office after adjournment of the afternoon session, lasting from 4 to 6 o'clock, p. m.

Papers were read as follows:

Joe Sappington—"Does a Good Make-up Help a Newspaper as Much as it Does a Woman?"

Tom W. Perkins—"The Advantages of Assisting Merchants in Preparing Copy for Advertising."

Tom B. Lusk—"Is a Clean Office Worth While?"

Wm. T. Eichholz—"The Objects and Attainments of the Printers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association."

Miss Maid J. Allen—"What I Think of Schemes to Get Subscribers."

W. H. Whitley—"Is a Pretty Country Paper Worth What It Costs?"

S. J. Thomas—"Should We Accept Cordwood on Subscription?"

John P. Cooper—"Why the Infatuation of Newspaper Work?"

Clarence N. Ousley addressed the convention on the subject of "The Press and Rural Life." The following papers, not included in the regular, published programme, were discussed: "What is the Fair Rate, per One Thousand Circulation, for Stereotype Advertising in a Country Weekly?" "Basis for Foreign Advertising and the Matter of Fake Advertising." Will H. Mayes made an interesting talk on "Progress in Journalism." The annual oration was by J. R. Ransone, Jr., his subject being "The Preservation of Sentiment." The annual essay was by Miss Margie E. Neal, her



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subject being: "A Newspaper Office as a Great School, and How to Improve Small Papers."

The following offered by T. B. Lusk, was adopted:

"Whereas, The President of this Association has called attention to the fact that the United States Government is in a manner engaged in the job printing business, and that the Government goes further still and pays transportation to the railroads on said envelopes, which at sixteen cents per pound would entail an additional loss of sixty-four cents on each five hundred envelopes; and

"Whereas, The Postoffice Department of the United States has adopted a policy of soliciting, through advertisements and other means, the printing of personal return cards on envelopes, selling them at a price which hardly covers the cost of same, thereby coming into active competition with the printing industry of the United States; and

"Whereas, This competition is unfair, and of the utmost injury to the aforesaid printing industry; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association, in annual convention assembled, does hereby request the Senators and Congressmen of this State to use their influence and support in behalf of the bill now pending before Congress, with a view of prohibiting the Government from competing with or interfering with the printing industry; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be furnished each and every Senator and Congressman from this State."

Miss Maid J. Allen offered the following, which was adopted:

"Whereas, The farmers of the State are represented in the educational system of Texas by the A. & M. College of Texas, where men are taught practical farming, and are sent out to develop the resources of the soil of this State; and

"Whereas, The administration of its affairs has been entrusted to Robert Milner, who for many years was a news-



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paper publisher in Texas, and who is plain and democratic in all things; therefore, be it

“Resolved, That we commend the A. & M. College to the agricultural interests of Texas, bespeaking their friendship and support for it and its work, believing that through its influence great good can come to Texas and Texas farmers.”

The following offered by D. Matt Thrash, was adopted:

“Whereas, The Texas Press Association is, and should be, the source of incentive and higher aspirations for a greater press in Texas, and that from this body should emanate suggestions and remedies for all common ills of the mechanical; and

“Whereas, It is a common subject of remark that the average newspaper, journal, or periodical published in our fair State is uncommonly full of typographical errors; and it is also common knowledge to all publishers that the average editor is more or less at the mercy of his mechanical department when it comes to issuing the finished product of his publication; and

“Whereas, It is the opinion of the members of the Texas Press Association that a great improvement in the work of the mechanical department may be brought about by a little judicious attention and a proper incentive on the part of those engaged in the production of newspapers and other publications of the State; therefore, be it

“Resolved, That the Texas Press Association offer a prize of twenty dollars in gold to the newspaper published in this State, in cities of twenty thousand or less, that can show the smallest percentage of typographical errors and the greatest general neatness between this and the next meeting of this Association, or for a period of one year, the committee calling for any newspaper at will, to be distributed among the employees of the mechanical department of the prize-winning paper, according to such rules and regulations governing this contest as may be set forth elsewhere by this Association.”



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The committee on the President's address reported:

"We indorse the address as an able, conservative document, fair in the treatment of the issues confronting newspaperdom. In our opinion, the attitude of the press towards the anti-pass law has never been more clearly or correctly stated than by President Gilmore in this message.

"Signed, J. H. Lowry, J. S. Hardy, J. A. Thomas."

R. E. Yantis made a minority report, as follows:

"I indorse the above, but beg to add that it is the sense of this Association that our members should not support for legislative offices any man who will not pledge himself to vote for a bill restoring to newspaper publishers the right of contract."

The majority report was adopted. Motion was made to table the minority report but was withdrawn so as to permit discussion. Resolution after resolution was offered, until finally the following substitute, offered by J. A. Thomas, was adopted:

"Resolved, That we recommend to the membership of the Association that we urge upon the membership of the Legislature, individually and collectively, the justness, the fairness, and the reasonableness of the 'right of contract' as between railroads and newspapers; and that we request them to vote for an amendment to the anti-pass law that will restore to the press of the State the right of contract."

The following were elected to membership:

Wm. M. Schofield, Lockhart Post; Sam Braswell, Moody Courier; Miss Myrtle Cox, Marlin Patriot; Miss Williemae Warrock, Marlin Patriot; A. R. McCollum, Waco Tribune; Shaw D. Ray, Quitman Democrat; W. H. Hawkins, Stephenville Empire; J. F. Kennedy, Mart Herald; R. R. Smith, Pleasanton Monitor; G. E. Watford, Lufkin Tribune; A. B. Haworth, Comanche News; W. T. Carter, Killeen Herald; R. W. Tonge, Eddy Herald; R. V. Reavis, Malone Register; R. Roy Ruff, Munday Times.

The report of the committee on Constitution and By-Laws, abolishing the office of attorney of the Association, was adopted, but was later reconsidered and the recommendation to abolish that office was defeated.



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The members of the Association were taken to the Country Club on the banks of the Brazos, four and one-half miles from the city, where all enjoyed a fish fry and had a good time generally.

The following, signed by F. B. Baillio, F. B. Robinson, C. F. Lehmann and T. E. Streight, was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, It is the custom of the Texas Press Association to extend its guardianship to all the interests in Texas, which are entitled to consideration from those who control the destinies of the press, and is always desirous of taking into its warm embrace the loving children of those who are of its membership; and

"Whereas, William Robert Ransone, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ransone, Jr., of Cleburne, is a new arrival in our midst since last we met, and it is our desire to show our love and affection for those little ones who come unto us; be it

"Resolved, That we now and hereby adopt for a son of the Association, William Robert Ransone, and extend to him our guardianship and watchful eye."

Tom H. Bell was appointed sergeant-at-arms, to see that the members did not play "hookey."

On motion of W. A. Bowen that a committee be appointed to secure a full and complete file of the minutes of the Association, as far as possible, and have them bound in book form for the preservation of the history of the Association, the chair appointed F. B. Baillio, Will H. Mayes and F. B. Robinson.

C. E. Evans, a member of the Conference on Education, addressed the convention on the subject of education in Texas.

W. A. Bowen moved that a committee be appointed to investigate, and report at the next meeting, upon the idea of forming a permanent chautauqua, or home for the Association meetings, to be located at Port Lavaca, where the Association owns a lot. W. A. Bowen, R. E. Yantis and C. F. Lehmann were appointed as this committee.



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The retiring president was presented with a sterling silver table set. F. B. Baillio was presented, by individual friends in the Association, with a cut-glass water set. Stamford was selected as the next place of meeting. The excursion was to Waco, where the courtesies of that city were extended to the editors and their wives and daughters.

Miss Calel, daughter of R. E. Yantis, delighted the Association with a violin solo, and was so generously applauded she was compelled to respond to an encore.

### Officers elected:

President—W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald;  
Vice President—J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise;  
Secretary—Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo;  
Assistant Secretary—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;  
Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;  
Attorney—W. W. Walling, San Antonio;  
Essayist—T. E. Streight, McGregor Mirror;  
Orator—C. B. Gillespie, Houston Chronicle;  
Poet—John P. Cooper, Anson Western Reporter;  
Flag Custodian—J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress.

### Executive Committee:

First District—Harvey Miller, New Boston News-Herald;  
Second District—Miss Margie E. Neal, Carthage Register;  
Third District—F. E. Rafferty, Tyler Times;  
Fourth District—Walter B. Wilson, McKinney Democrat-Gazette;  
Fifth District—T. B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald;  
Sixth District—A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Courier-Light;  
Seventh District—H. V. Hamilton, Palestine Herald;  
Eighth District—F. M. Littlepage, Kountze News;  
Ninth District—W. L. Dubose, Devine News;  
Tenth District—R. A. Alford, Leander Record;  
Eleventh District—A. R. McCollum, Waco Tribune;  
Twelfth District—Frank Gaston, Granbury News;  
Thirteenth District—Cyrus Coleman, Henrietta Independent;  
Fourteenth District—H. F. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin;  
Fifteenth District—F. M. Getzendaner, Uvalde Leader-News;  
Sixteenth District—W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star.

The following committees were appointed:



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Legislation—T. W. Perkins, C. E. Gilmore, S. J. Thomas, H. E. Faubion;

Printing—Sumner Lansdale, Frank Ezzell, Sam P. Harben, W. A. Holford;

Programme—F. B. Baillio, J. J. Taylor, J. S. Hardy;

Delegates National Editorial Association—C. N. Ousley, T. B. Lusk, J. S. Daley, B. C. Murray, W. B. Whitman, Cyrus Coleman, J. R. Ransone, Jr., Sam P. Harben, J. E. Davis, J. D. Moyer, C. E. Gilmore;

Alternate Delegates—C. W. Wilson, C. W. Edwards, T. E. Streight, J. M. Lewis, Orion Procter, J. H. Lowry, N. P. Houx, R. E. Yantis, John M. Weekly, J. M. Kennedy;

Committeeman National Editorial Association—J. P. Chamberless.

### Members present at this meeting:

R. W. Tonge, Eddy Herald; John F. Turner, Shafter Lake Herald; Clarence A. Chambers, Liberty Vindicator; J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal; C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle; Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo; W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald; J. M. Kennedy, Marlin Democrat; John F. Lubben, Galveston News; J. S. Hardy, Ennis News; Jas. A. Greer, Stamford Tribune; Tom H. Bell, Ladonia News; L. Seabrook, Port Lavaca Wave; W. F. Carter, Killeen Herald; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; A. A. Abney, Denton News; Walter B. Wilson, McKinney Democrat-Gazette; A. R. McCollum, Waco Tribune; Miss Myrtle Cox, Marlin Christian Patriot; Miss Williamae Warrock, Marlin Christian Patriot; T. E. Streight, McGregor Mirror; Shaw D. Ray, Quitman Democrat; H. V. Hamilton, Palestine Herald; W. H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; C. W. Wilson, Mineral Wells Index; Walter B. Whitman, Holland's Magazine; Fred B. Robinson, Waco Times-Herald; W. L. DuBose, Devine News; John M. Weekly, Ennis Local; R. V. Reavis, Malone Register; B. C. Murray, Denison Gazetteer; W. A. Bowen, Arlington Journal; W. H. Hawkins, Stephenville Empire; A. L. Holland, Bellville Times; A. S. Crisp, Cuero Star; J. H. Wurtz, San Antonio Light; R. Roy Ruff, Munday Times; W. M. Warlick, Dallas Texas Presbyterian; W. L. Warrock, Rosebud News; A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Courier-Light; C. W. Taylor, Rogers News; Sam M. Brasswell, Moody Courier; John P. Cooper, Anson Western Reporter; Miss Maid J. Allen, Commerce Commercial; Wm. T. Eichholz, Cuero Rundschau; C. B. Gillespie, Houston Chronicle; T. H. Napier, Dallas Times-Herald; Thos. B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald; R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune; Sumner Lansdale, McKinney Democrat-Gazette; A. M. Kennedy, Hillsboro Record; J. A. Thomas, Mineola Monitor; R. E. Yantis, Athens Review; H. E. Faubion, Marble Falls Messenger; F. M. Littlepage, Kountze News; Harvey Miller, New Boston News; A. B. Haworth, Comanche News; G. E. Watford, Lufkin Tribune; W. C. Edwards, Denton Record and Chronicle; Mrs. J. S. Rowell, Pearsall News; E. A. Heath, Hico Review; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress; Perry Hawkins, Taylor Journal; Cyrus Coleman, Henrietta Independent; John E. Davis, Mesquite Mes-



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quiter; F. E. Rafferty, Tyler Times; J. J. Taylor, Dallas News; Ward Taylor, Jefferson Jimplecute; Miss Margie E. Neal, Carthage Register; J. T. Robison, Kosse Cyclone; T. W. Perkins, McKinney Democrat-Gazette; J. O. Smith, Elgin Courier; Clarence Ousley, Fort Worth Record; N. P. Houx, Mexia Ledger; O. P. Gresham, Temple Mirror; H. B. Terrell, West Times; J. F. Kennedy, Mart Herald; F. T. Roche, Georgetown Sun; F. B. Baillio, Cleburne; E. Goethe, Waco Echo; Joe Sappington, Joe Sap's Tales, Temple; E. L. Ramsey, Thorn-dale Thorn; S. W. Thomas, Aspermont Star; R. R. Smith, Pleasanton Monitor; Wm. M. Schofield, Lockhart Post; E. M. Chrestman, Grand Saline Sun.



## Thirty-first Annual Convention—1910

THE thirty-first annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in the Opera House in Stamford, and was called to order June 8, 1910, by President W. A. Johnson. Dr. Jerome Duncan, President of Stamford Collegiate Institute, delivered the address of welcome after Dr. J. T. Griswold, pastor of the Stamford Methodist Church, had invoked divine blessing on the meetings of the convention. Response to the address of welcome was made by J. H. Lowry.

The following committees were appointed:

Membership—F. B. Baillio, Cyrus Coleman, W. Z. Spearman, Shaw D. Ray, Harry Galbraith;

Constitution and By-Laws—T. W. Perkins, C. E. Gilmore, J. S. Daley, J. H. Lowry, L. Seabrook;

Resolutions—S. J. Thomas, O. P. Gresham, Ward Taylor, W. B. Whitman, J. W. Northrup;

Revision of Roll—Tom B. Lusk, Sam P. Harben, A. N. Justiss, Levi A. Dunlap, W. C. Edwards;

Finance—J. A. Thomas, Tom H. Bell, R. E. Yantis, Frank Ezzell, F. C. Thompson;

Memorial—W. J. Buie, Sumner Lansdale, E. P. Haney, J. E. Railey, G. E. Watford.

Badges bearing the name of the wearer were distributed by R. C. Dyer, manager of the Barnhart Type Founders Company of Dallas.

The President's address was referred to the following committee: F. B. Baillio, Tom H. Bell and T. W. Perkins.

The following were elected to membership:

H. T. Timmons, Roby Banner; Henry Edwards, Troup Banner; W. G. Thomas, Anson Enterprise; J. D. Hall, Rule Review; B. B. Greenwood, Stamford Tribune; Emmet Smith, Itasca Item; R. O. Gresham, Temple Mirror; W. W.



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Simmons, Celina Record; W. T. Barnes, Comanche News; W. S. Spotts, Bonham Favorite; G. W. Faulkner, Santa Anna News; Robert E. Conner, Lexington Enterprise; Frank M. White, Byers Herald; Mrs. W. B. Whitman, Holland's Magazine; R. H. Richardson, Kemp News; J. L. Power, Benjamin Post; Paul Baker, Albany News; W. J. Stephens, Carbon News; Ernest Smart, Leuders Vanguard; Charles Key Cullom, Arlington Journal; J. E. H. Railey, Weatherford Herald; F. L. Vanderburgh, Hereford Recorder; J. W. Rogers, Throckmorton Times; Wilford B. Smith, Dallas Pitchfork; A. H. Weston, Colorado City Record; M. Clendennin, Munday Times; O. C. Harrison, Seymour Banner; Mrs. B. C. Hines, Abilene Reporter.

Papers were read as follows:

W. J. Buie—"Cost of Job Work" (with tabular demonstration).

J. A. Thomas—"Is Ten Cents per Inch a Profitable Rate for Advertising in a Country Weekly?"

J. S. Daley—"The Cost Each Week of Getting Out a Country Weekly of Six Columns, Eight Pages, per One Thousand Circulation."

Jesse D. Moffit—"A Good System of Book-Keeping for a Country Newspaper Office."

W. A. Bowen—"The Press, Past and Present."

W. E. Gilliland—"Can a Weekly Paper Be Made Profitable Without the Aid of a Job Office?"

R. E. Yantis—"How to Make a Small Daily Pay."

J. H. Lowry—"How I Sustain Friendly Relations With my Competitor."

Harry Koch—"Journalism in the Bounding, Booming West."

Joe J. Taylor—"The Weekly Press of Texas."

Eugene Thompson—"The Material Man and the Publisher."

C. E. Gilmore—"Is a Premium List Profitable in Building Up a Circulation?"

R. C. Dyer—"The Value of Credit to the Publisher."

At the evening session of the first day, a meeting was held in the Stamford Collegiate Institute, where the Association was entertained with a violin solo by Miss Josie May Griswold; a song, "Texas," composed by Mrs. Day of Rotan,



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by six male voices; a reading by Miss Caroline Duncan of Stamford; and an address on "Higher Education," by Dr. S. E. Mezes, President of the State University.

Ashley Evans and W. S. Spotts discussed "The Advantages of a Semi-Weekly Over a Weekly." The question of foreign advertising was freely discussed. Judge V. W. Grubbs addressed the convention on the subject of "Industrial Education" and asked the assistance of the Association in his life work. Professor Alex C. Hogg of Fort Worth made an address on "The Reciprocal Duties Between the Tax-Payers and the Public Schools." C. E. Gilmore, by invitation, addressed the convention on the abuses of the Texas penitentiary system.

The following was submitted:

"We, your committee appointed to visit Port Lavaca and inspect the sites proffered the Texas Press Association for a permanent home, beg leave to present the following report:

"We visited Port Lavaca in September last, and the enterprising citizens of that city, after showing us every possible courtesy, took us to view three sites. We are of the opinion and, after carefully considering the matter and the surroundings, recommend that the Texas Press Association accept the ten acres offered us north of and adjoining the city and the bay shore. The citizens offer us this site in fee simple, with only the proviso that we improve the same within a reasonable time.

"Signed, W. A. Bowen, R. E. Yantis, C. F. Lehmann."

After full and free discussion the adoption of the report was deferred, and carried over to the next meeting as unfinished business. Dr. A. Bailey of Rockport presented to the Association a proposition for the establishment of a permanent home at Rockport. The motion that the Texas Press Association choose a permanent home was discussed and defeated.

Officers elected:

President—J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise;



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Vice President—J. A. Thomas, Mineola Monitor;  
Secretary—Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo;  
Assistant Secretary—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;  
Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;  
Attorney—Homer D. Wade, Stamford;  
Flag Custodian—J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress;  
Essayist—Ashley Evans, Bonham News;  
Orator—Sumner Lansdale, McKinney Courier-Gazette;  
Poet—W. Z. Spearman, Whitewright Sun.

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Seventh District—H. V. Hamilton, Palestine Herald;  
Eighth District—F. M. Littlepage, Kountze News;  
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Legislative—C. E. Gilmore, T. W. Perkins, W. B. Whitman, S. J. Thomas, W. A. Johnson;

Printing—Sam P. Harben, Tom Bell, Ernest Logsdon, O. P. Gresham;

Programme—R. E. Yantis, F. B. Baillio, W. A. Bowen, J. H. Lowry;

Delegates National Editorial Association—A. A. Abney, Ashley Evans, W. M. Warlick, John E. Davis, C. W. Taylor, W. H. Hawkins, John T. Risien, T. B. Lusk, Levi A. Dunlap, A. N. Justiss, Frank Ezzell;



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Alternate Delegates—C. W. Wilson, R. R. Ruff, F. E. Rafferty, N. P. Houx, John M. Weekly, J. S. Hardy, W. Z. Spearman, Cyrus Coleman, Frank Gaston, Miss Margie E. Neal, F. B. Robinson;

Committeeman National Editorial Association—Sam P. Harben.

The following report of the committee on resolutions was adopted:

“Resolved, That this Association express its disapproval of the practice of the Government in printing special request envelopes free of charge to the purchaser, believing the practice to be not only a perversion of the duties of the Government, but absolutely indefensible, an invasion of private rights and an extravagant and wasteful policy.

“Resolved, That we register our protest against the practice and urge our Representatives and Senators in Congress from Texas to take active, earnest, and persistent steps toward the abolition of it.

“Resolved, That the secretary of this Association forward to each of our Representatives and Senators a copy of this resolution.”

The following amendment to the by-laws submitted by the committee on Constitution and By-Laws, was adopted:

“Section 20. All proposed resolutions, except those properly originating with the committee on resolutions, which shall be limited to resolutions of thanks for courtesies shown the Association, shall be first introduced on the floor of the convention. Such resolutions shall, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the Association, be referred to the committee on resolutions and a report be made by that committee recommending the adoption or rejection of such resolutions, the report of the committee to be passed upon by the Association.”

The annual poem, “The Texas Press,” was by John P. Cooper. Judd Mortimer Lewis told of “The Difference Between a Journalist and an Editor.” The retiring president was



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presented with a sterling silver table service. Port Lavaca was selected as the next place of meeting.

The excursion was to the Spur Ranch where the members of the Association were entertained with an old-fashioned "round-up" and a barbecue; then to the town of Spur, whose citizens gave the editors a hearty welcome. It should be added also that the people of Stamford gave the members an automobile ride to Hamlin and Anson on the afternoon of the second day of the convention.

The following members responded to call of the roll:

A. A. Abney, Denton News; F. B. Baillio, Cleburne; Tom H. Bell, Ballinger Ledger; R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune; M. Clendennin, Munday Times; J. S. Daley, Stamford News; Edwin D. Dunlap, Mexia Enterprise; Ashley Evans, Bonham News; Frank Ezzell, Ferris Wheel; H. Galbraith, Terrell Transcript; O. P. Gresham, Temple Pythian Banner-Knight; C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle; Jas. A. Greer, Stamford Tribune; Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo; J. D. Hall, Rule Review; Mrs. B. C. Hines, Abilene Reporter; A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Courier-Light; J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal; Ernest Logsdon, Plano Star-Courier; D. J. Moffitt, Pilot Point Post-Signal; C. N. Ousley, Fort Worth Record; Tom W. Perkins, McKinney Courier-Gazette; Ernest Rafferty, Tyler Courier-Times; Shaw D. Ray, Wynnboro Free Press; R. Roy Ruff, Munday Times; F. T. Roche, Georgetown Sun; J. M. Shafer, Plainview Herald; Emmet Smith, Itasca Item; W. Z. Spearman, Whitewright Sun; W. J. Stephens, Carbon News; Ward Taylor, Jefferson Jimplecute; C. W. Taylor, Rogers News; W. G. Thomas, Anson Enterprise; J. A. Thomas, Mineola Monitor; S. W. Thomas, Aspermont Star; F. L. Vanderburg, Hereford Recorder; Louis J. Wortham, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; W. B. Whitman, Holland's Magazine; A. H. Weston, Colorado Record; W. A. Bowen, Arlington Journal; W. T. Barnes, Comanche News; W. J. Buie, Railway Journal, El Paso; Cyrus Coleman, Henrietta Independent; Robert E. Conner, Lexington Enterprise; Levi A. Dunlap, Meridian Tribune; Ed P. Eason, Winters Enterprise; Henry Edwards, Troup Banner; W. C. Edwards, Denton Record and Chronicle; G. W. Faulkner, Santa Anna News; Frank Gaston, Granbury News; R. O. Gresham, Temple Mirror; B. B. Greenwood, Stamford Tribune; E. P. Haney, Byers Searchlight; A. B. Haworth, Comanche News; O. C. Harrison, Seymour Banner; W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald; Sumner Lansdale, McKinney Courier-Gazette; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; T. B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald; J. W. Northrup, Giddings News; G. J. Palmer, Houston Post; J. E. H. Railey, Weatherford Herald; John T. Risien, Carrollton Chronicle; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; J. W. Rogers, Throckmorton Times; Jim Tom Story, Jr., Mineral Wells; W. W. Simmons, Celina Record; W. S. Spotts, Bonham Favorite; L. Seabrook, Port Lavaca Wave; Ernest Smart, Leuders Vanguard; Joe J. Taylor, Dallas News; H. T. Timmons, Roby Banner; F. C. Thompson, McKinney Examiner; S. J. Thomas, Comanche Chief; R. W. Tonge, Eddy Herald; G. E. Watford, Lufkin Tribune; S. A. Wilkinson, Palmer Rustler; Mrs. W. B. Whitman, Holland's Magazine; R. E. Yantis, Athens Review.



## Thirty-second Annual Convention—1911

THE thirty-second annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in the courthouse of Calhoun County in Port Lavaca, and was called to order by President J. R. Ransone, Jr., May 11, 1911. After the Goodrick Concert Band had rendered "America," Hon. John B. Mahon delivered the address of welcome from the people of Port Lavaca. The response on behalf of the Association was by G. H. Boynton.

The following committees were announced:

Membership—F. B. Baillio, L. Seabrook, W. A. Johnson, O. P. Gresham, C. F. Lehmann;

Constitution and By-Laws—W. C. Edwards, C. E. Gilmore, Ernest Logsdon, A. B. Haworth, Joe Sappington;

Resolutions—R. E. Yantis, W. M. Warlick, A. M. Kennedy, W. G. Sterett, J. A. Thomas;

Revision of Roll—Sam P. Harben, T. B. Lusk, Shaw D. Ray, Henry Reese, Jr., Tom H. Bell;

Finance—W. H. Whitley, Frank Cates, R. O. Gresham, J. O. Smith, T. W. Perkins;

Memorial—Ashley Evans, Miss Margie E. Neal, J. M. Lewis, J. J. Taylor, A. R. McCollum.

The following were elected to membership:

\* Franklin Woemer DeCroix, Hearne Democrat; P. H. Roberts, Jr., Conroe Courier; Mrs. Grace I. Mitchell, Robstown Reporter; C. R. Coulter, Stephenville Tribune; John R. Lunsford, San Antonio Express; LeRoy G. Stump, Port Arthur News; W. J. Williams, Lometa Reporter; T. J. Cunningham, Comanche Chief; Robert A. Higgins, Houston Post; T. R. Sparkman, Rockport Tribune; James I. Toner, Kingsville Record; W. Straley, Hico Review; H. K. Staples, Edna Herald; Chas. S. Diehl, San Antonio Light; D. L. Stump, Palacios Beacon; Sam H. Dixon, Texas Farm and Fireside, Houston; Ed Laney, Naples Monitor; Ross Simpson, Grand Prairie Texan; W. E. Cook, Victoria Facts; O. H. Poole, Cleburne Review; D. R. Harris, Henderson News; H. E. Ellis, Groesbeck Journal; Maury Haltom, Nacogdoches Sentinel; E. K. Williams, Temple Telegram; George McQuaid, Galveston News; J. M. Cooney, Port Lavaca Times; H. L. Beach, San Antonio Light.



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Papers were read as follows:

F. B. Baillio—"Texas Under Six Flags."

W. C. Edwards—"Should the Press Give Free Publicity to Fairs and Meetings of any Character Calculated to Boost Certain Cities and Localities?"

W. A. Bowen—"The Sphere and Influence of the Rural Press."

S. C. Dobbs of Atlanta, Georgia—"The Liability of the Newspaper Publisher to His Readers."

Ashley Evans—"Should Newspapers Accept as Paid Matter Arguments, Political or Otherwise, in Conflict With Its Own Views?"

Tom H. Bell—"Is There any Reason Why Newspaper Ethics Should not be as Broad as Lawyers' Ethics?"

F. M. Getzendaner—"Are Voting Contests Profitable, and Should They be Engaged in by Members of This Association?"

R. C. Dyer—"The Mechanical Side of Newspaper Making."

A. S. Crisp addressed the convention on "the aims, purposes and business of the Printers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Texas." R. S. Van Pelt of Philadelphia, who had been in Texas several weeks going over the matter of printer's cost with the job printers, showed by the aid of charts the cost of jobs from the time they were figured on until delivered to the customer. "Combats and Conquests of Immortal Heroes," a book of more than passing interest, was presented to the Association by its author, Charles M. Barnes of the San Antonio Express.

As Governor O. B. Colquitt could not be present, as was expected, Hon. Sid J. Thomas, a beloved member of the Association and Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Austin, explained why the Governor could not attend the convention, and then outlined his (Thomas') work, stating that he had more than four hundred and fifty children under his charge and that the work was very interesting.



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The committee on the President's address expressed the opinion that it was one of the ablest, most timely and patriotic addresses ever delivered before Texas editors. Limitations of space preclude a summary of the address in this volume.

During the convention the Calhoun County Times, J. M. Cooney editor and publisher, issued "The Convention Times" (daily), which was much appreciated.

A resolution offered by the committee on Finance, that the dues of the delegates to the National Editorial Association be not paid out of the funds of the Texas Press Association, was adopted.

G. H. Boynton offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That this Association commend the stand taken by our Representatives in the National Congress, including our two Senators, upon the Tou Velle bill, prohibiting the printing and sale of envelopes by the Government and denounce the action of those responsible for smothering the bill in committee.

'Resolved, That this Association call upon the newspaper editors and publishers of other States, especially those of the States whose Senators are willing to perpetuate so great an injustice upon the country press, that they wage a vigorous campaign against the outrageous custom to the end that it be discontinued."

The following officers were elected:

President—J. A. Thomas, Mineola Monitor;  
Vice President—W. C. Edwards, Denton Record and Chronicle;  
Secretary—Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo;  
Assistant Secretary—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;  
Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;  
Attorney—A. B. Haworth, Comanche;  
Flag Custodian—J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress;  
Essayist—Miss Maid J. Allen, Commerce Commercial;  
Orator—F. M. Getzendaner, Uvalde Leader-News;  
Poet—W. S. Spotts, Bonham Favorite.  
Executive Committee—J. G. Marshall, Paris News; Henry Ed-



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wards, Troup Banner; W. B. Whitman, Holland's Magazine, Dallas; C. H. McMaster, Galveston Tribune; Ernst Goethe, Weimar Mercury; A. R. McCollum, Waco Tribune; Cyrus Coleman, Henrietta Independent; F. M. Getzendaner, Uvalde Leader-News; R. O. Gresham, Temple Mirror; Miss Margie E. Neal, Carthage Register; Zeb Spearman, Whitewright Sun; N. P. Houx, Mexia News; J. M. Lewis, Houston Post; R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune; J. P. Chambless, Cleburne Chronicle; J. R. Lunsford, San Antonio Express; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star.

The following committees were appointed:

Legislative—A. S. Crisp, W. A. Johnson, E. P. Haney, S. J. Thomas;

Printing—Sam P. Harben, Frank Ezzell, W. M. Warlick, John E. Davis.

Programme—F. B. Baillio, T. B. Lusk, J. J. Taylor, D. R. Harris, F. C. Thompson;

Delegates, National Editorial Association—R. E. Yantis, J. H. Lowry, J. R. Ransone, Jr., W. A. Bowen, W. H. Whitley, H. V. Hamilton, Charles M. Barnes, J. S. Hardy, Ernest Logsdon, Tom H. Bell, G. H. Boynton, J. H. Wurtz;

Alternate Delegates—Bruce McCarty, E. M. Chrestman, R. R. Smith, Will A. Holford, J. D. Moffitt, Shaw D. Ray, J. A. Phillips, W. L. West, J. T. Risien, A. N. Justiss, J. E. Grinstead.

Temple was selected as the next place of meeting, over San Antonio, Galveston, Port Arthur, Kingsville and Houston. President Ransone was presented with a beautiful cut-glass punch bowl. The excursion was to Port O'Connor where the editors were treated royally. The fish fry and barbecue on Magnolia Beach was by no means the least enjoyable feature of the entertainment provided by the hospitable people of Port Lavaca.

Members present at Port Lavaca:

Joe Sappington, Joe Sap's Tales, Temple; A. M. Kennedy, Marlin Democrat; R. O. Gresham, Temple Mirror; Sam H. Dixon, Texas Farm and Fireside, Houston; R. A. Higgins, Houston Post; J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal; J. T. Cunningham, Comanche Chief; G. H. Boynton, Hamilton Herald; F. M. Getzendaner,



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Uvalde Leader-News; W. G. Sterett, Port Lavaca Life; H. E. Ellis, Groesbeck Journal; Bruce McCarty, Eagle Lake Headlight; E. K. Williams, Temple Telegram; J. M. Cunningham, Kennedy Advance; A. S. Crisp, Cuero Star; W. Straley, Hico Review; E. P. Haney, Henrietta Searchlight; James I. Toner, Kingsville Record; E. Goethe, Weimar Mercury; W. Z. Spearman, Whitewright Sun; R. C. Coulter, Stephenville Tribune; John R. Lunsford, San Antonio Express; Tom B. Lusk, Italy News-Herald; W. M. Warlick, Dallas Presbyterian; J. O. Smith, Elgin Courier; Judd M. Lewis, Houston Post; J. J. Taylor, Dallas News; C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle; W. H. Whitley, McGregor Mirror; D. R. Harris, Henderson News; O. P. Gresham, Temple Banner Knight; R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; Maury Haltom, Nacogdoches Sentinel; W. A. Bowen, Arlington Journal; G. J. Marshall, Paris News; J. C. Florea, Richmond Coaster; Wm. T. Eichholz, Cuero Deutsche Rundschau; T. R. Sparkman, Rockport Tribune; P. O. Wilson, Taylor Texan; Wm. Schofield, Lockhart Post; Henry Reese, Jr., Gonzales Inquirer; J. M. Cooney, Port Lavaca Times; George McQuaid, Galveston News; Tom H. Bell, Weatherford Herald; J. H. Wurtz, San Antonio Light; Mrs. E. M. Chrestman, Grand Saline Sun; W. C. Edwards, Denton Record and Chronicle; Ashley Evans, Bonham News; W. S. Spotts, Bonham Favorite; W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald; W. C. Vogel, Dallas Feld and Flur; Ernest Logsdon, Plano Star-Courier; L. Seabrook, Port Lavaca Wave; J. A. Thomas, Mineola Monitor; F. B. Baillio, Cleburne; A. B. Haworth, Comanche; LeRoy G. Stump, Port Arthur News; W. L. West, Livingston Enterprise; S. J. Thomas, Austin; J. L. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; W. W. Dexter, Houston Texas Banker; Miss Margie E. Neal, Carthage Register; T. W. Perkins, McKinney Gazette; P. H. Roberts, Jr., Conroe Courier; Chas. M. Barnes, San Antonio Express; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; R. E. Yantis, Athens Review; Mrs. Grace Mitchell, Robstown Reporter; Shaw D. Ray, Winnsboro Free Press; H. K. Staples, Edna Herald; J. A. Proske, Giddings Volksblatt; W. E. Gilliland, Baird Star; Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo; J. C. Howerton, Cuero Record; D. L. Stump, Palacios Beacon; W. E. Cook, Victoria Facts.



## Thirty-third Annual Convention—1912

THE thirty-third annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in the auditorium of the Carnegie Library in Temple, and was called to order May 16, 1912, by President J. A. Thomas. Father Heckman, pastor of the Catholic Church of Temple, invoked divine blessings and guidance. Hon. P. L. Downs welcomed the Association on behalf of the city of Temple. Sid J. Thomas responded on behalf of the Association. Miss Laura Hamner of the Temple High School welcomed the Association to the city and invited the editors to visit the school, where later an informal reception was held.

The following committees were announced:

Finance—O. H. Poole, W. Straley, F. B. Robinson, Harry Koch, Frank Ezzell;

Constitution and By-Laws—D. R. Harris, W. B. Whitman, W. Z. Spearman, J. D. Hall, Shaw D. Ray;

Memorial—W. A. Bowen, R. E. Yantis, A. R. McCollum, C. W. Geers, Joe Sappington;

Resolutions—Lee J. Rountree, Will H. Mayes, Mrs. Grace I. Mitchell, W. M. Warlick, Harve P. Nelson;

Membership—F. B. Baillio, H. F. Mayes, Harry Galbraith, Levi A. Dunlap, W. C. Edwards;

Revision of Roll—W. H. Whitley, W. A. Johnson, O. P. Gresham, J. M. Lewis, W. M. Cobb.

The President's address was referred to Lee J. Rountree, C. F. Lehmann and C. E. Gilmore as a committee.

The following were elected to membership:

O. P. Pyle, Belton Journal; M. P. Daniel, Teague Herald; S. W. Barnhill, Fort Worth Railway Journal; R. G. Hollingsworth, Coleman Democrat-Voice; S. C. Findley, Comanche Pioneer-Exponent; Will A. Harris, Woodman Journal; A. H. Luker, Grapeland Messenger; Henry Hurr, Flatonia Argus; A. A. Wortham, Corsicana Sun; H. A. Gibbs, Harlingen Star; L. E. Dicus, Bonham News; J. O. Nash, Larena Register; E. G. Chiles, Cleburne Review; R. A. Gates, Centerville Record; W. A. Smith, San Saba News; R. L. Fox, Moody Courier; Ed. F. Black-



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shear, Navasota Examiner-Review; G. P. Power, Hamlin Printing Co.; Maurice Bell, May Messenger; J. C. Thomas, Childress Post; H. A. McDougle, Tyler Courier-Times; D. H. Cunningham, Jr., Comanche Pioneer-Exponent; M. E. Lancaster, Lott Tribune; John E. Cooke, Rockdale Reporter; G. B. Whitley, Italy News-Herald; H. B. Burke, Briggs Review; A. W. Sledge, Ballinger Banner-Leader; Robert Phillips, Iredell Sentinel; James Howerton, Hallettsville Herald; Miss Carrie F. Childress, Sipe Springs Record; A. C. Baldwin, Austin Tribune.

### The following members responded to call of the roll:

Ross Simpson, Grand Prairie Texan; R. A. Gates, Centerville Record; R. L. Fox, Moody Courier; Henry Hurr, Flatonia Argus; C. W. Geers, Fort Worth S. W. Magazine; J. P. Nash, Lorena Register; W. A. Smith, San Saba News; Ed. F. Blackshear, Navasota Examiner-Review; Will A. Harris, Woodman Journal; W. J. Williams, Lometa Reporter; Mrs. W. B. Whitman, Holland's Magazine; R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune; John R. Lunsford, San Antonio Express; J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal; Lee J. Rountree, Georgetown Commercial; J. A. Thomas, Mineola Monitor; E. P. Haney, Wichita Falls Searchlight; H. F. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; R. E. Yantis, Athens Review; O. P. Gresham, Pythian Banner Knight; A. H. Luker, Grapeland Messenger; M. P. Daniel, Teague Herald; A. A. Wortham, Corsicana Sun; W. Straley, Hico News-Review; O. H. Poole, Cleburne Review; E. G. Chiles, Cleburne Review; G. B. Whitley, Italy News-Herald; L. E. Dicus, Bonham News; R. M. Thompson, Goldthwaite Eagle; S. J. Thomas, Austin; W. B. Whitman, Holland's Magazine; J. M. Lewis, Houston Post; F. B. Baillio, Cleburne; Ashley Evans, Bonham News; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo; Miss M. E. Neal, Carthage Register; Will H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; W. A. Bowen, Arlington Journal; E. K. Williams, Temple Telegram; J. W. Northrup, Giddings News; C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald; W. C. Edwards, Denton Record and Chronicle; L. Seabrook, Port Lavaca Wave; Miss Maid J. Allen, Commerce Commercial; F. M. Getzendaner, Uvalde Leader-News; Shaw D. Ray, Winnsboro Free Press; Harry Galbraith, Terrell Transcript; Henry Edwards, Troup Banner; Harve P. Nelson, Greenville Banner; W. S. Spotts, Bonham Favorite; Joe J. Taylor, Dallas News; J. M. Adams, Plainview News; Lon Davis, Sealy News; J. L. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; W. H. Whitley, McGregor Mirror; O. C. Harrison, Seymour Banner; W. A. Johnson, Memphis Herald; Joe Sappington, Temple Telegram; Mrs. E. M. Chrestman, Grand Saline Sun; T. J. Cunningham, Comanche Chief; J. C. Howerton, Cuero Record; Maurice Bell, May Messenger; Harry Koch, Quanah Tribune-Chief; F. T. Roche, Georgetown Sun; Miss Carrie Childress, Sipe Springs Record; D. H. Cunningham, Jr., Comanche Pioneer-Exponent; H. E. Faubion, Marble Falls Messenger; Miss Williamae Warrock, Rosebud News; W. Z. Spearman, Whitewright Sun; A. B. Haworth, Comanche; D. R. Harris, Henderson News; J. P. Chambless, Cleburne Chronicle; Levi A. Dunlap, Meridian Tribune; C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle; J. C. Florea, Richmond Coaster; W. M. Cobb, Smithville Times; Fred E. Horton, Greenville Banner; Mrs. Grace Mitchell, Robstown Reporter; H. T. Timmons, Roby Banner; H. B. Savage, Belton News; Henry Reese, Jr., Gonzales Inquirer; A. R. McCollum, Waco Tribune; J. A. Proske, Giddings Volksblatt; J. G. Murphy, San Angelo Standard; R. A. Alford, Leander Record; F. B. Robinson, Waco Times-Herald; O. P. Pyle, Belton Journal; A. C. Baldwin, Austin Tribune; H. A. McDougal, Tyler Courier-Times; W. H. Hawkins, Stephenville Empire; A. W. Sledge, Ballinger Banner-Leader; R. O. Gresham, Temple Mirror; S. W. Barnhill, Fort Worth Railway Journal; Frank Ezzell, Ferris Wheel; John H. Cullom, Dallas; W. G. Sterett, Port Lavaca; W. L. Warrock, Rosebud



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News; A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Courier-Light; T. C. Richardson, Sutherland Springs Health Resort; J. S. Perry, Temple Telegram; J. M. Cunningham, Kennedy Advance; J. O. Smith, Elgin Courier; W. T. Carter, Killeen Herald; T. W. Perkins, McKinney Courier-Gazette; Robert Phillips, Iredell Sentinel.

Papers were read as follows:

Henry Edwards—"Outworn Ideas, Like Outworn Type, Should Be Thrown Into the 'Hell Box'."

J. P. Chambless—"Soliciting Job Work for a Newspaper Office."

Harry Koch—"How to Secure Advertising."

Col. A. R. McCollum—"Past and Present of the Texas Press Association."

C. E. Gilmore—"The Advantages of Membership in the Texas Press Association."

J. H. Lowry—"Potpourie."

Joe J. Taylor—"The Ethics of Journalism."

Levi A. Dunlap—"The Art of Printing."

T. J. Cunningham—"Securing and Holding Subscriptions."

Homer D. Wade—"The Commercial Interests and the Newspapers, Co-Operating in Material Development."

E. St. Elmo Lewis of Detroit, Michigan, read a paper on "How to Secure Advertising and How to Serve the Advertiser." He had the distinction of being about the highest authority in the United States on advertising, and to the printers' supply men of Dallas the Association was indebted for the treat of so splendid a paper from so competent a source.

Claud Cross of Fort Worth, competent authority in his line, talked about a "Cost System" and illustrated his paper with charts.

Miss Gladys Mayo of Commerce favored the convention with a violin solo, and was accompanied on the piano by Miss LaVerne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cates of Bartlett. In response to a recall, Miss Mayo gave a piano recital. Mr. Stephenson of Cleburne favored the convention with an ode, being accompanied on the piano by Mrs. J. R. Ransone, Jr., of Cleburne. Mrs. F. W. Botts of New Orleans rendered a



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beautiful vocal selection which so pleased her audience that she was called to render another selection.

The annual oration, "American Ideals," was by F. M. Getzendaner. The annual poem, "The Plea of an Editor's Wife," was read by W. S. Spotts. The annual essay was by Miss Maid J. Allen and was entitled, "The Record We Write."

A resolution by W. D. Cox, complimentary to and laudatory of the Temple newspapers, was offered and adopted. It recited the splendid daily reports of the doings of the Association by the Daily Telegram, its cartoons and illustrations; the special edition of The Mirror, prepared especially for this convention; and the special illustrated edition of the Pythian Banner Knight. The praise bestowed upon the newspapers of Temple was fully deserved.

A series of resolutions by W. A. Bowen and R. E. Yantis were offered and adopted requesting the members of the Association to urge through their papers closer co-operation between the business men and the farmers, and indorsing the plan of the Farmers' Union of holding cotton, marketing same only as demanded; also indorsing the idea of industrial education in the rural and public schools.

The office of historian of the Association was created, on the motion of Will H. Mayes, and F. B. Baillio was elected to that position for life; and he was authorized to select such assistants as he might desire. Thereupon, he appointed Colonel A. R. McCollum of the Waco Tribune, W. A. Bowen of the Arlington Journal and C. W. Geers of Fort Worth and late of the Denton Monitor.

Among the papers read was that by C. W. Geers on "The Progressiveness and Unprogressiveness of the Country Press;" and that by John R. Lunsford on "The Editorial Page."

Officers were elected as follows:

President—W. C. Edwards, Denton Record and Chronicle;

Vice President—Joe J. Taylor, Dallas News;



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Secretary—Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo;  
Assistant Secretary—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;  
Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;  
Attorney—Clarence E. Gilmore, Wills Point Chronicle;  
Flag Custodian—J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress;  
Historian—F. B. Baillio, Western Newspaper Union;  
Essayist—Mrs. Grace Mitchell, Robstown Reporter;  
Orator—Henry Edwards, Troup Banner;  
Poet—Judd Mortimer Lewis, Houston Post.

Executive Committee—At Large: M. E. Foster, Charles S. Diehl, W. B. Whitman, George McQuaid. Congressional districts, one to sixteen—Harvey Miller, C. L. Schless, D. R. Harris, W. S. Spotts, G. W. McKnight, John E. Cooke, A. H. Luker, J. C. Florea, J. C. Howerton, J. O. Smith, W. H. Whitley, O. H. Poole, Harry Koch, J. R. Lunsford, F. M. Getzendaner, G. E. Watford.

The following committees were appointed:

Printing—John T. Risien, Sam P. Harben, Levi A. Dunlap, Orion Procter;

Legislative—C. E. Gilmore, E. P. Haney, John E. Davis, J. G. Murphy, S. J. Thomas, E. M. Chrestman, A. N. Justiss, R. B. Lockhart;

Programme—F. B. Baillio, Harry Galbraith, T. H. Bell, H. A. McDougle, T. J. Cunningham, G. H. Boynton, Shaw D. Ray;

Delegates National Editorial Association—Will H. Mayes, Miss Maid J. Allen, Mrs. W. B. Whitman, J. A. Thomas, H. E. Ellis, A. A. Wortham, Harve P. Nelson, R. O. Gresham, E. K. Williams, A. C. Baldwin, L. E. Dicus, H. A. Gibbs, A. L. Holland, Frank Ezzell, G. B. Whitley, L. Seabrook, W. Straley, R. G. Hollingsworth, M. P. Daniel, J. H. Lowry, J. R. Ransone, Jr., W. A. Bowen, W. Z. Spearman, J. P. Chambliss;

Executive Committeeman National Editorial Association—Lee J. Rountree.

San Antonio was selected as the next place of meeting, defeating Austin, Galveston and Wichita Falls. After singing



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"God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the Association adjourned.

The following communication was read and ordered of record:

"To the Members of the State Press Association of Texas, in convention assembled:

"Dear Sirs: With knightly courtesy we greet you!

"Recognizing the great value and importance of your distinguished body, we feel honored in having you designate Temple as your meeting place, and heartily congratulate ourselves in having the opportunity to show you that courtesy so deserving of your splendid membership, and the great profession to which you belong.

"In our opinion, no occupation or profession, collectively, makes as many sacrifices for the good of humanity, and for the upbuilding and prosperity of State and Nation, as the press. Therefore, you should ever receive our cordial commendation and our unstinted co-operation.

"As the oldest bank in Temple; as the largest bank in this section; as the largest financial institution in Central-West Texas; we beg to tender you the kindly offices of this institution during your sojourn in our city. We would be glad to have you make free use of our banking rooms, our office equipment, our office force—our stenographers are particularly always at your command.

"If you should be without funds (we assume of course that this would be accidental, because a newspaper man always has money), we would be very happy to cash, without exchange, and without endorsement other than your badge showing membership in your Association, such checks as you would like to draw on your home bank, covering your incidental needs; or extend to you any other courtesies or accommodations that will advance your pleasure, increase your comfort, and make joyful your stay in Temple.



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"With cordial good wishes for your happy sojourn in Temple and safe return to your homes,

Very truly yours,

P. F. Downs, Cashier."

P. L. Downs, Cashier."



## Thirty-fourth Annual Convention—1913

THE thirty-fourth annual convention of the Texas Press Association was held in San Antonio, and was called to order by President W. C. Edwards in the convention hall of the Gunter Hotel, May 15, 1913. Bishop Mouzon of the M. E. Church, South, delivered the invocation. Addresses of welcome were made by Joseph Emerson Smith, managing editor of the San Antonio Express, and L. J. Hart, manager of the Gunter Hotel. The response to the addresses of welcome was by J. H. Lowry. The President's annual address was referred to Lee J. Rountree, O. P. Gresham and E. C. Hunter, as a committee.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolutions—J. R. Ransone, Jr., G. H. Boynton, C. W. Wilson, A. N. Justiss, L. E. Haskett;

Finance—J. J. Taylor, Henry Edwards, F. B. Baillio, John E. Cooke, O. P. Gresham, F. M. Getzendaner, C. F. Lehmann, J. H. Lowry;

Constitution and By-Laws—J. A. Thomas, W. A. Johnson, Tom H. Bell, E. P. Haney, E. C. Hunter;

Memorial—W. S. Spotts, Will A. Harris, N. P. Houx, C. W. Geers, W. C. Vogel;

Membership—H. P. Nelson, Levi A. Dunlap, Harry Koch, R. D. Hudson, J. E. H. Railey;

Revision of Roll—O. H. Poole, C. W. Taylor, J. M. Cunningham, W. H. Whitley, J. C. Thomas.

The following was read:

"DeZavalla Chapter, descendants of the patriots and founders of Texas, wishes to welcome the press of Texas and their families and friends to historic San Antonio. Most of you are friends, and we thank you for the patriotic work you have



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done on the history of Texas. You have taught through the columns of your papers. A cordial and heartfelt welcome. We are glad you are here and want you to stay with us always."

The following were elected to membership:

C. M. Carpenter, Buda Star; J. L. Spencer, Mart Herald; Zenos Deer, Bishop News; Homer D. Wade, Stamford News-Tribune; R. A. Yantis, Athens Review; Richard E. Zeiske, Bellville Times; T. G. Locke, Fowlerton Reporter; Ed Howard, Wichita Falls Times; Lloyd P. Lockridge, Austin Statesman; R. K. Phillips, Weatherford Democrat; Edwin J. Keist, Dallas Times-Herald; Henry Mueller, Brenham Volksblatt; Sam C. Holloway, Deport Times; L. H. Bridges, Luling Signal; B. F. Harigel, LaGrange Journal; J. L. Pope, Amarillo News; George B. Kirwan, Riviera Journal; R. J. Edwards, Denton Record-Chronicle; Charles Mrazek, Garwood Express; E. J. McGuirk, Calvert Picayune; D. O. Bell, Columbus Citizen; L. P. Henslee, Cross Plains Review; W. J. Edgecombe, San Antonio S. W. Independent; George C. Staples, San Marcos Record; T. W. Lillie, Crystal City Chronicle; Clifton H. Tupper, San Antonio Traction Magazine; A. B. O'Flaherty, Corpus Christi Democrat; George W. Baker, Dallas Auto Journal; Alf B. Schroeter, Runge News; John W. Stayton, Corpus Christi Caller; M. W. Florer, Dallas News; Richard Hudson, Farmersville Times; Roy Woodward, Pearsall Leader; Emmett R. Hambrick, Dallas Times-Herald; Albert Ernst, Victoria Deutsche Zeitung; H. F. Schwenker, Brady Standard; W. M. Stanberry, Midlothian Argus; R. M. Curtis, Jr., Falfurrias Facts; Sam Fore, Jr., Floresville Chronicle; S. D. Chestnut, Kennedy Advance; Harry M. Johnson, Houston Post; W. E. Cage, Pharr Clarion; J. H. Waggoner, Whitewright Sun; W. L. Ballew, El Campo Citizen; H. N. Fitzgerald, Fort Worth Record; M. E. Wallace, Bryan Eagle; G. A. McNaughton, San Marcos Times-Leader; R. W. Barry, Beeville Bee; E. L. Price, Aransas Pass Progress; W. B. Collins, Llano News; Monroe Drew, Kaufman Herald; Joseph E. Smith, San Antonio Express; B. Q. Evans, Dallas Free Lance; A. W. Davis, Falfurrias Facts; Max Bently, Corpus Christi Democrat; Cecil Horne, Cleburne Review; W. L. Turner, Madisonville Meteor; Miss Mattie Middleton, Waxahachie; R. C. Mecklin, Kingsville Record; Charles W. Pyle, Belton Journal; S. H. Walthall, Orange Leader.

Miss Helen Brackenridge addressed the convention on the subject of "Woman's Rights."

Following the talk of D. C. McCaleb, publicity agent of the railroads, the following were appointed a committee to ascertain at what price per inch an advertisement could be inserted in every weekly paper printed by members of the Texas Press Association: Harry Koch, W. A. Bowen, R. O. Gresham, H. F. Mayes and R. M. Hudson.

Papers were read as follows:

Will H. Whitley—"How the Publisher Can Best Reach the Foreign Advertiser."



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N. P. Houx—"Pioneer Days in the Newspaper Field of Texas."

Ernst Goethe—"Why Advertising Rates Should Be Advanced."

F. C. Thompson—"The Best Way to Build Up a Country Circulation."

M. W. Florer—"The Postal Laws and the Newspapers."

J. O. Smith—"How I Raised My Advertising Rates and What It Did For Me."

John E. Cooke—"Job Printing From the Stock Room and Cases to the Customer."

C. B. Gillespie and C. W. Taylor—"Is the Freedom of the Press Menaced by the Powers That Be?"

R. E. Yantis—"The Newspaper and Its Mission."

J. M. Adams—"How I Estimate Cost."

E. R. Hambrick and D. Matt Thrash—"The Gathering of Local News."

O. C. Harrison and Harve P. Nelson—"The Newspaper and Its Mission."

J. S. Daley—"How the Publisher Can Best Reach the Foreign Advertiser."

Addresses were made by Colonel Henry Exall, president of the Texas Industrial Congress on "The Texas Industrial Congress and the Press;" by R. T. Milner, president of the A. & M. College; W. B. Bizzell of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton on "The Girls' A. & M. of Texas;" and by Governor O. B. Colquitt. The annual oration, "Opportunities for Service," was by Henry Edwards. The annual essay, "A Model Newspaper," was by Mrs. Grace Mitchell.

A feature of the convention was the address of Governor Colquitt over the long distance telephone from Austin to San Antonio, through the courtesy of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company. The arrangements were so perfect that every word of the Governor was heard distinctly by each and every member of the Association.



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### The Legislative committee submitted the following report:

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"The recent session of the Legislature enacted no laws of especial significance to the newspaper printing business. An ineffectual effort was made, as it has been at almost every session of the Legislature for several years to amend the libel law of the state to the end that newspapers might have reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty to the public in both the capacity of news gatherers and in the discussion of public matters and public morals wherein it happens now and then to become necessary to discuss and criticise persons, particularly public officers derelict in the discharge of public duty. So uncertain is the present law until it is practically impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule and say 'this is libel' and 'this is not.'

"It is to be hoped that future efforts to amend this law will yield better results. Indeed, we cannot refrain from suggesting that this association could serve the public and serve its members by taking some steps looking to the drafting and presentation to the next Legislature for consideration of a just and reasonable libel law that would clearly define the rights of publishers and afford them protection from the attacks of the slyster, the demagogue and the hypocrite, and at the same time protect the public from dishonest and unscrupulous newspaper men who might seek to use the power of the press for the destruction of the business and reputation of others. A dishonest newspaper man is no better than any other dishonest person and the publishers owe it to the public as well as themselves to aid in protecting the public from such.

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"The question often occurs in a newspaper office as to what is the legal rate for advertising. There is no general legal rate for matter published in newspapers in Texas. There is a rate fixed by law for such matters of advertising as may be used by the state or any of its schools or various departments of government, such as the publication of constitutional amendments. This rate is \$1 per square of 100 words for the first insertion and 50 cents per square for each subsequent insertion of the same matter. In addition to this, there are a few items of court and county affairs that require publication, which will be referred to later.

"There is no more reason for fixing the basis and price at which newspapers shall sell their space, an arbitrary price, without consideration for circulation, conditions, etc., to the state or any of its various branches of government than there is reason to fix the price of flour and bacon sold to the state institutions without regard for their market value or cost of production. It might be, and probably would be wise, and it would be just to the newspapers at the same time, to require that no publisher could charge the state, or for any legal advertising required by law a greater price than that charged for commercial advertising of the same class.

We are of the opinion that this matter need only to be properly presented to the members of the Legislature to be fairly adjusted.

"Following are some of the matters required by law, or permitted by law, to be published and for which a charge may be made. We are indicating the fact where there is a price fixed by law:

"Citations.—In practically all civil suits the law permits the citing of defendants to such suit by publication of the citation in some newspaper published in the county of the suit where the residence of the defendant is unknown. This publication has to be made for four successive weeks prior to return day (ten days before the first day of the court at which the case is to be called), that is, the last day of publication must be ten full days before the first day of the court. There is no price fixed for the publication of citations. The usual custom is to make arrangements with the plaintiff in the suit and the better plan is also to look to him for the pay. In suits against unknown heirs, permitted under our law, the publication must be made for eight successive weeks; also the publication must be made for eight weeks if the case is to be tried at the first term of court after the suit is filed. Four weeks' publication completes the service but the case must go over one term. The eight weeks' publication does not apply to divorce suits.

"Sale of Land Under Execution.—Notice of the date of sale of land to be sold under execution or the foreclosure of a deed of trust, must be published three successive weeks in some newspaper where the land is to be sold. The law fixes a price for this service at fifty cents per square of ten lines briefer for the first insertion and thirty cents per square for subsequent insertions, the charge in no event, regardless of the length, to be more than \$5.00 for all three insertions.

"Delinquent Tax Lists.—The law requires the delinquent tax list of each county in the state to be published annually for three successive weeks and fixes the price at a maximum of 25 cents per tract of land so advertised. This is done by contract with the Commissioners' Court or tax collector. (Article 7692, Revised Statutes, 1911.)



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**"Treasurer's Quarterly Report.**—The County Clerk of each county is required to have published the quarterly report of the County Treasurer as made to the Commissioners' Court and verified by that body. No price for this is fixed by law but is a matter of contract between the publisher and the Commissioners' Court or the County Clerk. (See Article 1450, Revised Statutes of 1911.)

**"Proposed Amendments to the Constitution.**—Proposed amendments to the constitution of the State must be published for four weeks, commencing at least three months before the election at which they are to be voted upon. This service is paid for by the State at the rate provided by law as heretofore mentioned.

"These references here include the principal items, at least, that may be or are required to be published. There may be some minor ones overlooked in the haste in preparing this report.

"We desire to direct special attention to the requirements as to the publication of delinquent tax lists and the quarterly reports of County Treasurer. These two provisions of the law and particularly the one referring to delinquent taxes, are of the utmost importance to the public and it is our observation that comparatively few counties in the State have lived up to either of these requirements of our law. Entirely aside from the matter of printing them, we are of the opinion that the newspapers of the state will do a patriotic service if they can induce those in authority to observe these two requirements. In some counties in our state there are thousands of dollars of delinquent taxes due on land that could be, and should be, collected and the failure to collect the same not only deprives the State and County of that just portion of tax money but sooner or later involves the owners of the land in no end of trouble to get their titles cleared of the clouds cast there by virtue of delinquent taxes, perhaps delinquent from some remote vendor who is either dead or gone beyond the reach of recovery of the amount of the taxes from him. The failure to publish the delinquent tax list each year and make every effort to collect these taxes is largely responsible for this condition.

### THE LIBEL LAW.

"It was the purpose of your committee to arrange as comprehensive a brief as possible of the libel law of our State but to do so would require more space than we have at our disposal. We, therefore, are forced to omit the subject altogether or confine it to extracts from the statutes and some suggestions that might possibly aid a busy editor to avoid some of its pitfalls and snares. Hence we adopt the latter plan.

"The libel law of Texas is composed of two separate and distinct branches of the law, civil and criminal libel. The one is the most resorted to by those who feel themselves injured and aggrieved at the publishers of newspapers, the other is most usually resorted to to punish some malicious person for some writing or printing, outside of a newspaper, to defame character."

### CIVIL LIBEL.

Article 5595. Definition.—"A libel is a defamation expressed in printing or writing or by sign and pictures, or drawings, tending to blacken the memory of the dead, or tending to injure the reputation of one who is alive and thereby expose him to public hatred, contempt or ridicule, or financial injury, or to impeach the honesty, integrity or virtue, or reputation of any one, or to publish the natural defects of any one and thereby expose such person to public hatred, ridicule or financial injury.

Art. 5596. Mitigation of Damages and Defense.—"In any action for libel the defendant may give in evidence, if specially pleaded, in mitigation of exemplary or punitive damages, the circumstances and intentions under which the libelous publication was made, and any public apology, correction or retraction made and published by him of the libel complained of. The truth of the statement or statements in such publication (complained of as libelous) shall be a defense to such action.

Art. 5597. Privileged Matter.—"The publication of the following matters by any newspaper or periodical, as defined in Article 5595, shall be deemed privileged, and shall not be made the basis of any action for libel without proof of actual malice:

1. A fair, true and impartial account of the proceedings in a court of justice unless the court prohibits the publication of the same, when in the judgment of the court the ends of justice demand that the same should not be published, and the court so orders; or any other official proceedings authorized by law in the administration of the law.

2. A fair, true and impartial account of all executive and legislative proceedings that are made a matter of record, including reports of legislative committees, and of any debate in the Legislature, or its committees.



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3. A fair, true and impartial account of public meetings, organized and conducted for public purposes only.

4. A reasonable and fair comment or criticism of the official acts of public officials and of other matters of public concern published for general information. Art. 5598. "Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to amend or repeal any penal law on the subject of libel."

This is all of the statute of this State on civil libel but in construing its various provisions the courts have made a good deal more law out of it.

### CRIMINAL LIBEL.

The criminal libel law is neither so simple nor so brief nor does it apply so exclusively to newspapers. Article 1151 of the Penal Code of the State defines libel as follows:

"He is guilty of libel who, with intent to injure makes, writes, prints, publishes, sells or circulates any malicious statement affecting the reputation of another with respect to any matter or thing pointed out in this chapter."

The punishment for one found guilty of libel is a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than two years.

Without attempting to quote from the statute "*haec verba*" further we offer some brief suggestions as to the law as shown by the Penal Code:

The "intent to injure," made a part of the definition of libel, is presumed without further proof of intent if such would be the natural consequence of the libel.

To come within the definition of libel the publication must convey the idea: (a) That the person to whom it refers has been guilty of a penal offense; (b) or that he has been guilty of some act or omission though not a penal offense, which is disgraceful to him as a member of society and the natural consequence of which is to bring him into contempt among honorable persons; or (c) that he has some moral vice or physical or mental defect or disease which renders him unfit for intercourse with respectable society and such as should cause him to be generally avoided; or (d) that he is of notoriously bad or infamous character; or (e) that any person in office or a candidate therefor, is dishonest and therefore unworthy of such office, or that while in office he has been guilty of some malfeasance rendering him unworthy of the place.

But it is no offense to make true statements of fact or express opinions as to the integrity or other qualifications of a candidate for any office or public place or appointment. Nor is it any offense to publish true statements of fact as to the qualification of any person for any occupation, profession or trade.

No statement made in the course of legislative or judicial proceedings, whether true or false although made with intent to injure and from malicious purposes, comes within the definition of libel.

In the following cases the truth of any statement charged as libel may be shown in justification of the defendant.

Where the publication purports to be an investigation of the official conduct of officers or men in a public capacity. Where it is stated that a person has been guilty of some penal offense and the time, place and nature of the offense is specified in the publication. Where a person is charged with being of notoriously bad or infamous character. Where the publication charges any person in office, or a candidate therefor with want of honesty, or having been guilty of malfeasance in office, rendering him unworthy of the place.

In other cases than those mentioned above the truth of the facts stated in the libel cannot be inquired into.

Art. 1161. Avoiding of Responsibility, How?—"The editor, publisher or proprietor of a public newspaper may avoid the responsibility of making or publishing a libel by giving the true author of the same, provided such author be a resident of this State and a person of good character, except in cases where it is shown that such editor, publisher or proprietor caused the libel to be published with malicious design."

This article refers only to criminal libel.

All the Statute on criminal libel refers only to that branch of it and has no bearing or effect on actions for civil libel.

As stated at the beginning of that portion of this report with reference to libel, it is impossible to even briefly refer to the holdings of the courts on some of the questions presented by both the criminal and civil Statutes, but this much is submitted in the hope that it may be of service to some one.

Will H. Whitley, R. M. Hudson, O. C. Harrison, F. C.



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Thompson and Levi A. Dunlap were appointed a committee to suggest a rate to be charged for foreign advertising and report at the next annual convention.

Mrs. J. O. Smith of Elgin entertained the Association with a select reading which was well rendered and generously applauded. Mrs. H. A. Gibbs of Harlingen favored the convention with a song which was heartily encored. She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. C. F. Lehmann.

The annual dues were fixed at one dollar and fifty cents.

Clarence E. Gilmore, general attorney of the Association, submitted the following report:

"Acting as general attorney for the Press Association, I took up last year with the State Insurance Board the matter of insurance rates on gasoline engines, believing the rate as promulgated by the board to be entirely too high for the hazard. After going into the matter in person with the board, I was able to secure a substantial reduction in the rates, the amended rates taking effect September 20, 1912. The new rate reduces the rate under division (a) of the Gasoline Power Schedule, as shown on page 38 of the General Basis Schedules, from twenty-five to ten cents; and the rate under division (b) from fifty cents to twenty-five cents. That means that on an unapproved gasoline engine where sixty-five cents additional charge has been made the rate should now figure thirty-five cents. As most of the newspaper offices of the State use gasoline power this should be a considerable saving to the large shops and in the aggregate save the publishers of the State a good deal of money."

The following, which had been referred to the committee on resolutions, was, on recommendation of that committee, adopted:

"We learn with pleasure of the determination of President Wilson to appoint George D. Armistead postmaster at San Amonio and wish to congratulate our honored President on the wisdom of his selection."



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The following report of the committee on resolutions was adopted:

"Whereas, The custom in vogue in Texas of posting all notices of bond, school, and other elections, as well as other matters that are of general and special interest, on bulletin boards, live-oak trees, and plank fences, is a relic of the dark ages and a reflection on the intelligence of the people of today who take and read the newspapers to keep themselves informed; and

"Whereas, It is time this custom was abolished in the interest of the reading and thinking public; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Texas Press Association, individually and collectively, demand of the law-making bodies of Texas that it change the law so that all notices now required to be posted shall be published in each and every paper in the city, county or district affected; provided, that the paper in which such notices are printed shall be paid for same at not less than regular state rates; and be it further

"Resolved, That the members of this Association urge upon their respective representatives in the Legislature the justness of our position and secure their support of the proposition in the interest of the people; and that our legislative committee draft a bill in accordance with this resolution and look after it at the next regular session of the Legislature."

The following officers were elected:

President—Joe J. Taylor, Dallas News;

Vice President—D. R. Harris, Rusk County News;

Secretary—Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo;

Assistant Secretary—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;

Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald;

Attorney—C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point;

Flag Custodian—J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress (Life);

Historian—F. B. Baillio, Western Newspaper Union (Life);

Essayist—Richard Hudson, Farmersville Times;

Orator—C. B. Gillespie, Houston Chronicle;

Poet—Clarence Ousley, Fort Worth Record.

Executive Committee: At Large—E. M. Chrestman, E. C. Hun-



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ter, John F. Lubben, J. C. Thomas; Districts, one to sixteen—H. A. Gibbs, R. O. Gresham, H. V. Hamilton, Will A. Holford, A. N. Justiss, Bruce W. McCarty, Harvey Miller, H. P. Nelson, J. E. H. Railey, Shaw D. Ray, Lee J. Rountree, W. A. Smith, Ben F. Smith, W. L. Turner, G. E. Watford, Homer D. Wade.

The following committees were appointed:

Printing—John E. Cooke, R. J. Edwards, O. P. Gresham, Sam P. Harben;

Legislative—Jos. O. Boehmer, A. S. Crisp, C. E. Gilmore, J. M. Kennedy, Lloyd P. Lockridge, Will H. Mayes, O. H. Poole, C. W. Taylor;

Programme—F. B. Baillio, W. A. Bowen, E. P. Haney, W. S. Spotts, G. B. Whitley, Walter B. Whitman, C. W. Wilson;

Delegates to the National Editorial Association—G. H. Boynton, R. F. Cates, J. H. Cullom, J. S. Daley, Monroe Drew, Levi A. Dunlap, Henry Edwards, Frank Ezzell, Harry Galbraith, F. M. Getzendaner, Ernst Goeth, O. C. Harrison, D. R. Harris, L. E. Haskett, Harry Koch, J. L. McCaleb, G. W. McKnight, Mrs. Grace Mitchell, Miss M. E. Neal, T. W. Perkins, R. K. Phillips, J. L. Pope, E. L. Ramsey, H. F. Schwenker, Wilford B. Smith, H. B. Terrell, R. M. Thompson, W. H. Whitley, A. A. Wortham;

Committeeman National Editorial Association — Lee J. Rountree.

The following committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a home for superannuated members: Charles M. Barnes, Frank P. Holland, F. T. Roche.

Wichita Falls was elected over Corpus Christi as the next place of meeting.

The secretary submitted the following report:

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION:

I beg to submit to you the following report of expenses which have been incurred in handling the affairs of the association during the five years which I have been secretary—1909, 1910, 1911, 1912 and an estimate of the expense for 1913, which will include all items as paid for in the last four years:

Total expense for 1909	\$323.30
Total expense for 1910	367.27
Total expense for 1911	451.35
Total expense for 1912	421.90



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ESTIMATE—Expense for 1913.....	415.00
Average expense of the association per year, 5 years.....	391.00

### Receipts.

Receipts from all sources 1909.....	\$319.60
Receipts from all sources 1910.....	386.00
Receipts from all sources 1911.....	368.90
Receipts from all sources 1912.....	358.00
Average income from all sources per year, for four years.....	358.00

Or \$33.00 per year less than the expense of the association. The greater portion of this deficit has been for the last two years when the new members have been failing to pay their annual dues. To show you how the members respect their dues, I read you the result of last year's drafts:

"Made draft on 161 members, following the Temple meeting, for a total of \$251 due by them, I received payments to the amount of \$88.00 from 84 members, showing that 77 refused to pay their dues or honor draft of this association. The collection of this \$88 cost the association \$10.50 or 12% for collecting."

I estimate that this year's receipts will amount to \$460 which would give us a balance over expense for this year (also estimated) of \$45.00. This is caused from the fact that we are adding more than an average number of new members, almost, if not doubling, either of the past two years.

Take the association on a basis of 300 members, all paying their dues regularly, with an average expense of \$391 we would have a deficit of \$91 each year, provided we received no new members. Take the same expense, same number of paying members at \$1.50 per year would bring in \$450 against an expense of \$391 or \$59 for an emergency each year.

I have written to twenty-five state association secretaries, received information from nineteen. These nineteen give me the amount of their dues; we find out of this number seventeen state associations are charging \$1.50 and \$2 per year dues, two are charging \$1, which are Arkansas and Florida, neither of which issues complete minutes, nor prints the papers which are read before the association.

The secretary has worked with the members, tried by personal letters in more than fifty instances, to get those who are far in arrears to pay up, sent out drafts, written more than 400 letters this year; this, besides the 850 sent out to the press in general, and in every other manner endeavored to keep the finances in the clear. As long as the new members keep to an average of 30 each session, and the older ones pay up with any regularity, we can run on \$1 per member, otherwise, either raise the dues or cut the papers out of the minutes, is the only suggestion your secretary can make.

Respectfully submitted to San Antonio meeting, May 15-17, 1913.

SAM P. HARBEN, Secretary.

### The following members responded to roll call:

J. R. Ransone, Jr., Cleburne Enterprise; Sam C. Holloway, Deport Times; A. H. Luker, Grapeland Messenger; R. W. Barry, Beeville Bee; S. D. Chestnutt, Kenedy Advance; S. M. Fore, Jr., Floresville Chronicle-Journal; R. M. Curtis, Jr., Falfurrias Facts; R. M. Hudson, Irving Index; Richard E. Zeiske, Bellville Times; H. F. Schwenker, Brady Standard; Zenos Deer, Bishop News; Ed Howard, Wichita Falls Times; Paul Baker, Albany News; R. H. Roberts, Jr., Rosenberg Herald; Albert Ernst, Victoria Deutsche-Zeitung; Henry Miller, Brenham Volksblatt; O. C. Harrison, Seymour Banner; D. O. Bell, Columbus Colorado Citizen; R. A. Yantis, Athens Review; T. G. Locke, Fowlerton Reporter; R. K. Phillips, Weatherford Democrat; W. C. Easterling, Alpine Guide; W. Straley, Hico News-Review; R. L. Fox, Moody Courier; John W. Stayton, Corpus Christi Caller; Richard Hudson, Farmersville Times; J. L. Spencer, Mart Herald; Charles Mrazek, Garwood Express; F. C. Thompson, McKinney Examiner; G. A. McNaughton, San Marcos, Times-Leader; S. H. Walthall, Orange Leader; Chas. W. Pyle, Belton Journal-Reporter, Roy Woodward, Pearsall Reporter; O. H. Roberts, Aransas Pass Progress; S. H. Bridges, Luling Signal; W. E. Cage, Pharr Clarion; R. C. Mecklin, Kingsville Record; W. C. Vogel, Feld & Flur; M. E. Wallace, Bryan Eagle; Homer D. Wade, Stamford News-Tribune; W. C. Edwards, Denton Record-Chronicle; H. N. Fitzgerald, Fort Worth Record; B. F. Harigel, LaGrange Journal; Geo. B. Kirwan, Riviera Journal; J. E. H. Railey, Weatherford Herald; Levi A. Dunlap,



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Meridian Tribune; Tom W. Perkins, McKinney Courier-Gazette; A. B. O'Flaherty, Corpus Christi Democrat; M. G. Thomas, Anson Enterprise; J. A. Proske, Giddings Volksblatt; H. B. Terrell, West News; A. W. Davis, Freeport Facts; J. S. Daly, Dublin Progress; Mrs. Grace I. Mitchell, Robstown Reporter; A. C. Baldwin, Austin Tribune; Monroe Drew, Kaufman Herald; Geo. C. Staples, San Marcos Record; F. M. Getzendaner, Uvalde Leader-News; Joseph Emerson Smith, San Antonio Express; T. W. Lillie, Crystal City Chronicle; H. E. Faubion, Marble Falls Messenger; Mrs. C. M. Hughes, Wharton Spectator; L. Seabrook, Port Lavaca Wave; Henry Reese, Gonzales Inquirer; A. N. Justiss, Corsicana Courier-Light; R. G. Hollingsworth, Coleman Voice; Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo; H. T. Timmons, De Leon Free Press; L. E. Haskett, Childress Index; C. W. Wilson, Mineral Wells Index; R. M. Thompson, Goldthwaite Eagle; W. S. Spotts, Bonham Favorite; W. S. Smith, San Saba News; F. B. Baillio, Cleburne; John E. Cooke, Rockdale Reporter; W. T. Eichholz, Cuero Rundschau; C. B. Gillespie, Houston Chronicle; C. W. Geers, Fort Worth S. W. Magazine; G. B. Whitley, Italy News-Herald; C. W. Gordon, San Antonio; Miss Margie E. Neal, Carthage; W. A. Johnson, Memphis Hall County Herald; C. W. Taylor, Rogers News; J. C. Thomas, Childress Post; Edgar P. Haney, Wichita Falls Searchlight; E. S. Ramsey, Thorndale Thorn; J. O. Smith, Elgin Courier; R. O. Gresham, Temple Mirror; Walter B. Whitman, Holland's, Dallas; Mrs. Walter B. Whitman, Holland's, Dallas; Harold Baldwin, Sabinal Sentinel; W. J. Edgecombe, San Antonio S. W. Independent; W. L. Dubose, Devine News; Harry Koch, Quanah Tribune-Chief; A. D. Jackson, Crystal City; N. P. Houx, Mexia Herald; E. Goethe, Weimar Mercury; Hervey F. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; Will H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; John R. Lunsford, San Antonio Express; A. M. Kennedy, Marlin Democrat; O. P. Gresham, Temple Pythian Banner-Knight; Henry Edwards, Troup Banner; W. H. Whitley, McGregor Mirror; Harry Johnston, Houston Post; A. W. Sledge, Ballinger Banner; G. H. Boynton, Hamilton Herald; G. W. Faulkner, Santa Anna News; J. A. Thomas, Mineola Monitor; J. H. Wurtz, San Antonio Light; W. A. Harris, Woodman Journal, Dallas; H. P. Nelson, Greenville Banner; A. S. Crisp, Cuero Star; Frank P. Holland, Dallas Farm & Ranch; W. A. Bowen, Arlington Journal; H. E. Ellis, Houston Post; J. M. Cunningham, Kenedy Advance; B. F. Smith, Lockney Beacon; Joe J. Taylor, Dallas News; C. F. Lehmann, (Treasurer), San Antonio; R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune; J. S. McCaleb, Carrizo Springs Javelin; S. C. Findley, Comanche Chief-Exponent; M. W. Florer, Jr., Dallas News; Ross Simpson, Grand Prairie Texan; P. O. Willson, Taylor Texan; Frank M. White, Waco; J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal; James Howerton, Hallettsville Herald; H. A. Gibbs, Harlingen Star; J. S. Perry, Temple Telegram; R. A. Gates, Centerville Record; J. E. Vernon, Lampasas Leader; F. T. Roche, Georgetown Sun; O. H. Poole, Cleburne Review; G. W. Baker, Dallas Auto Journal; Lee J. Rountree, Georgetown Commercial; Robert E. Conner, Lexington Enterprise; W. L. Turner, Madisonville Meteor; C. M. Barnes, San Antonio Express; E. C. Hunter, Sherman Democrat.



## Thirty-fifth Annual Convention—1914

THE thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Association convened in Wichita Falls, Thursday, June 18, holding its sessions in the Wichita Opera House and being called to order by President J. J. Taylor. Rev. McKee of the First Presbyterian Church offered prayer. Mayor A. H. Britain in extending the city's welcome to the Association spoke feelingly of his duties as host to the body. On behalf of the local press, Edgar P. Haney reaffirmed the welcome extended by the Mayor. Editor J. H. Lowry of The Honey Grove Signal responded to these addresses.

The following committees were named:

Committee on Finance—G. B. Whitley, Progress, Jacksonville, chairman; O. P. Gresham, Pythian Banner-Knight, Temple; N. P. Houx, Evening Herald, Mexia; Sam Braswell, Express, Venus; H. A. Gibbs, Star, Harlingen.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws—W. A. Johnson, Hall County Herald, Memphis, chairman; R. V. Reavis, Register, Malone; Henry Edwards, Banner, Troup; H. B. Terrell, News, West; Will A. Harris, Woodman Journal, Dallas.

Committee on Memorial—R. E. Yantis, Review, Athens, chairman; Orion Proctor, Bridgeport; A. H. Luker, Messenger, Grapeland; F. C. Thompson, Examiner, McKinney; W. S. Spotts, Favorite, Bonham.

Committee on Resolutions—Will H. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin, chairman; Wm. A. Bowen, Journal, Arlington; Harve P. Nelson, Banner, Greenville; J. A. Thomas, Monitor, Mincola; M. E. Wallace, Eagle, Bryan.

Committee on Membership—F. B. Baillio, Cleburne, chairman; J. H. Lowry, Signal, Honey Grove; C. W. Wilson, Index, Mineral Wells; J. E. H. Railey, Herald, Weatherford.



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Committee on Revision of the Roll—Lee J. Rountree, Commercial, Georgetown, chairman; W. C. Edwards, Record and Chronicle, Denton; J. M. Adams, News, Plainview; John E. Cooke, Reporter, Rockdale; H. F. Schwenker, Standard, Brady.

President Taylor's address to the Association was given, in keeping with the usual custom, into the hands of a committee for recommendations. This committee consisted of J. H. Lowry, F. B. Baillio and W. H. Whitley who reported full approval of the President's address.

### The Genesis of This Volume.

(As shown on page 19 of the Minutes of the 33rd annual session of the Association held at Temple in 1912, Lieutenant-Governor Will H. Mayes made a motion which carried unanimously providing that the office of "Texas Press Historian" be created and that Col. F. B. Baillio of Cleburne be made permanent chairman of this office with power delegated to select three assistants. Page 21 of that year's Minutes shows that Col. Baillio accepted the office and publicly called upon the members present to send him any and all data that they might have or would be able to secure bearing on the history and early organization of the Texas Press Association. He requested specially that the members send him any parts of biographies of the "Old Guard" who first blazed the way for the present day prosperous organization. He appointed as the three assistants provided by the motion C. W. Geers of Fort Worth, Col. B. C. Murray of Denison and Col. A. R. McCollum of Waco. At the 35th annual meeting of the Association—two years after the author accepted the office of Historian—he made the report following, which is taken from the Minutes of the Wichita Falls meeting; and while the report in a number of respects paraphrases the Author's introduction to this volume, the Editor, nevertheless, deems it well to insert the report and the recommendations concerning it to show the



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fidelity of the author and his purposes on the one hand and the measure of gratitude felt by the Association on the other).

### Special Report—Historian.

To the President and Members of the Texas Press Association :

At the annual convention of the Association held in Temple, in May, 1912, I was elected historian, with the understanding, on my part at least, that I was to undertake to write a history of this organization. I have compiled a work which I hope will meet your approbation if not your expectation, and now beg to present it to you with this report. Never having seen, or even heard of a history of a press association, I had no "blazed trail" to travel and so had to work out a way of my own. I have done my best; and yet I must confess that I am not altogether pleased with what I have accomplished. Still it may serve the purpose of furnishing somewhat of the matter a future and abler historian may need in compiling a better and more complete history of this Association.

The book covers something more than four hundred pages of manuscript, and is divided into four sections.

The first section is composed of eleven chapters, besides the introduction. The introduction is something more than an introduction, since it treats of matters that might have been better segregated into a chapter.

The first chapter tells of the efforts made to organize a State Press Association in 1853; and of the organizations of 1869 and 1873, and of the organization of the present Association.

The second chapter deals with the efforts made to secure the publication of legal notices; a subject which has been before the Association at every annual convention since its organization in 1880

The third chapter is a recital of the efforts made to secure the enactment of the law of civil libel. Much space is devoted to that, because it is beyond controversy the most important



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legislation ever enacted in Texas wherein the press was and is peculiarly interested.

The fourth chapter deals with the anti-pass law, and the efforts made to secure its repeal or modification.

The fifth chapter tells of the beginning of printing in Texas, in 1819.

The sixth chapter compares the printing plants of pioneer days with the plants of today; and attempts to show the improvements made in printing machinery since even the days of Benjamin Franklin.

The seventh chapter deals with the growth and development of printing in Texas since the beginning in 1819.

The eighth chapter is devoted to our fraternal dead—"Lest we forget."

The ninth chapter is about print paper, and the advance made in that line.

The tenth and eleventh chapters are not perhaps germane to history, but exercising an author's privilege I tell of the duties of an editor, in part, as I see it; and the value of newspaper files and the importance of their preservation.

Part second is given over to the proceedings of the Association, from its organization up to, and including, the annual convention held in San Antonio in 1913, showing where and when the convention was held, who presided, who responded to roll call, and the papers represented, who were elected to membership, and the papers represented, the committees appointed, the legislation attempted and perfected, papers read, etc.

Part three is composed of biographical sketches of the members. In this connection your historian begs to complain that out of about four hundred self-addressed and postage-prepaid postal cards sent out by the secretary to the members asking for biographical sketches, not more than one hundred and fifty have so far been returned. Was it because of modesty or of indifference? Some names will be left out of the book, and



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all for want of the data asked for and which could have been easily given. It is not too late yet if the tardy ones will get busy.

Part four is a reproduction of the history of the early newspapers of Texas from 1819 to 1884, by Judge A. B. Norton, which is a most interesting and valuable work within itself.

I desire to return grateful acknowledgements and thanks to the members of the Association who so kindly donated the Corona typewriter, which has greatly facilitated the work and enabled me to complete it in time to present it to you at this annual convention. Without it, I do not see how I could have accomplished what I have within the time.

I desire to return thanks to Mr. A. D. Hodge, of the West-Cullom Paper Company of Dallas, for his kindness in donating the paper on which the manuscript of this book was written. I am sure the Association, as a whole, will join me in that.

The book, which has been a labor of love, and that without the expectation or desire of fee or reward, pecuniary or otherwise, is presented to you with the hope that it will meet with, at the least, a qualified approval. The Association, each and every member of which I count as a dear friend, has paid me many times over in kindnesses and honors conferred upon me, and I will feel amply repaid for the work I have done if only it pleases you. I only request if from any cause you see fit not to print the book that you will kindly return the manuscript to me.

With a feeling of deepest gratitude for all the Association has done for me, I beg to be remembered always as the true and faithful friend of each and all of you.

F. B. BAILLIO.

Upon motion of C. F. Lehmann, which was duly carried, the chair appointed D. R. Harris of Henderson, Henry Edwards of Troup and Will H. Mayes of Austin, to take charge



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of the manuscript and report of the Historian and make recommendations to the Association respecting disposal of the same. This committee made the subjoined recommendations and also introduced the resolutions of thanks to the author which follows thereafter. Both the recommendations and the resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Association.

### **Report of Committee on Disposition of Historical Manuscript.**

To Hon. J. J. Taylor, President Texas Press Association:

We, your committee to whom was referred the matter of recommendations respecting the HISTORY OF THE TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION as written and compiled by Col. F. B. Baillio in compliance with a commission from this Association given to him at its 33rd annual session held in Temple, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that this history, which, while it pursues a hitherto untrodden path in the annals of the craft, is a classic covering a wide scope and touching many points vital and interesting in the ethics and history of journalism in Texas, be published.

2. We recommend that C. F. Lehmann, Sam P. Harben and Will A. Holford be appointed a committee on publication with full power to contract for the issue of an edition of 300 to 500 copies as may seem best in their judgment.

3. We recommend that this committee on publication, after ascertaining the cost per volume of this edition in substantial binding, prepare a brief circular describing the scope of the history and naming the price at which the volume can be supplied to purchasers, such price to be based on the actual cost of production; and that this committee mail this circular to all members of the Association and other newspaper publishers in the State together with a letter asking that each member or publisher purchase at least one volume.

4. We recommend that a steel engraving of the author



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be the frontispiece of the volume; and that such biographical sketch of the author as may appear in the volume be placed on the page opposite the frontispiece.

5. We recommend that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated from the Treasury of the Association for the purpose of supplying copies of this volume to the libraries of the State institutions of learning and to the leading public libraries of the State.

### Resolutions Thanking the Author.

Whereas, Col. F. B. Baillio has for more than a generation evidenced his fidelity and love for the newspaper fraternity of Texas, and particularly for the Texas Press Association, first by never having missed a session thereof, and in a thousand nameless other ways, from the "God bless you" and the hearty handshake for the young, obscure or timid member, to the sacrifice of his means and time for the promotion of the every interest of the Association; and,

Whereas, in the evening of his life, he has added a crowning service in the production of a history of the Association that is original and a classic covering a field of research and requiring an effort that one less faithful, less loving and less sincere, would have shrunk from; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Association here express its sincere and grateful thanks to him for his unvarying and inspiring devotion to its interests and for the great labor of love which has found its best expression in the history which he was commissioned to write. And further that the members of this Association ever remember him and his dear ones when offering their petitions to our God.

The following were elected to membership:

Joe M. Moore, Lone Oak News; John R. Mays, Corsicana Courier-Light; C. W. Warwick, Randall County News, Canyon; J. Frank Smith, McKinney Examiner; John Gould, Wichita Falls Daily Times; T. R. Poole, Greenville Herald; Tom C. Gooch, Dallas Times-Herald; S. E. Miller, Mineral Wells Hustler; Joe M. Warren, Clarendon News; Jack H. Estes, Texas & Pacific Magazine, Dallas; C. H. Abbott, Southwestern Telephone News, Dallas; R. Shuffler, Olney Enter-



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prise; W. W. Thornton, Texarkana Daily Texarkanian; Seth Gunter, Lindale Reporter; W. W. Leverett, Gainesville Signal; Claud Council, Alvord News; E. A. Carlock, Paducah Post; J. W. Gay, Crawford Advance; G. G. Dunkerly, Ennis Daily News; D. S. Harrison, San Augustine Tribune; A. W. Perkins, Dallas Home & State; James Calvert, Wichita Falls Times; J. F. Kempton, Jr., Dallas Farm & Ranch; Claude Callan, Ft. Worth Star-Telegram; Frank W. Thomason, Petrolia Enterprise; John Grundy, Byers Herald; Oscar Martin, Haskell Free Press; E. G. Atlee, Dallas County Record, Dallas; Fred L. Haskell, Childress Index; B. T. Shepherd, Memphis Democrat; Tom Finty, Jr., Dallas Evening Journal; H. W. Blakeslee, Associated Press, Dallas; Frank P. Holland, Jr., Holland's Magazine, Dallas; Sam A. Roberts, Burkburnett Star; Mrs. Laura V. Hamner, Claude News; Keating Ransone, Cleburne Enterprise.

The Association adopted the following resolutions which were reported regularly to the body by the committee on resolutions, Will H. Mayes, chairman: A resolution by W. C. Edwards commending the General Managers of Texas railroads for their attitude in using the press of the State to acquaint the public with the relationship which exists between railroads and the public; a resolution by Mayes and Baillio forbidding to any member the right to vote by proxy (See report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitting Section 22 to by-laws); a resolution by Wm. A. Bowen endorsing the participation by the State of Texas in the Panama-Pacific Exposition to be held in San Francisco in 1915; a resolution by Will H. Mayes endorsing the National Editorial Association in its efforts to have Congress forbid the printing and sale by the Government of envelopes in competition with private printers, and urging the membership of the Association to take the matter up by letter and editorial with their respective Congressmen; a resolution by W. E. Wallace favoring the amendment of the State Printing Laws, making compulsory the publication of notices pertaining to sales made under law to enforce collection of debts, and requiring the President of the Association to appoint a committee of three to draft a law seeking to correct the matters complained of and go to Austin to make an effort to secure its passage; a resolution by Wm. A. Bowen and C. F. Lehmann instructing the Secretary of the Association to request in the name of the Association all Texas Congressmen and Senators to support a bill then pending in



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Congress to amend the Interstate Commerce Act so that newspapers would be permitted to exchange advertising space for interstate transportation; a resolution by J. A. Thomas assuring to Mr. James Buchanan, who had recently retired from the managership of the American Typefounders Company of Dallas the Association's sincere esteem and best wishes for his happiness and prosperity, wherever he might go or whatever business he might engage in; a resolution by D. R. Harris commending the work of the Texas Industrial Congress, pledging the support of the Association to the Congress, expressing sorrow at the death of the President of the Congress, Col. Henry Exall, Texas' foremost agriculturist, and commending the Exall Farm Book as a plain, practical book on better farming and of much benefit to Texas farmers.

The Association also adopted a resolution by the Resolution Committee expressing the sincerest gratitude to the unrivaled citizenship of Wichita Falls for the courtesies of unusual hospitality and cordiality. This resolution contained among many other beautiful sentiments the following beautiful lines:

"There are words we can not utter,  
There are thoughts too sweet for words  
Though our voices in our partings  
Were as musical as birds'."

Other resolutions and motions were introduced from the floor and passed, their subject matter being mainly to extend sympathies to members detained by sorrows and bereavements or to commend the work of certain committees. One motion of special import, made by W. C. Edwards, and passed, provided that the papers of absent members of an annual program should not be read from the floor but only printed in the minutes.

The Association, in adopting the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, made Article 5 of the constitution to read as follows and added to the by-laws "Section 22" below:



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Article 5.—The officers of this Association shall be one president, one vice-president, an attorney, one secretary, one assistant secretary, one treasurer, and an executive committee (to be composed of one member from each congressional district) and of which the president shall be ex-officio chairman, and the secretary shall be ex-officio member. These shall be elected annually by the association except the executive committee, which shall be appointed by the president, and the assistant secretary, who shall be appointed by the secretary. There shall be also one permanent flag custodian and one permanent historian, which officers shall be elected by the association as vacancies occur. There shall also be chosen, at each annual meeting, an orator, an essayist, and a poet, whose duties shall be to deliver at the next annual meeting thereafter, respectively, an oration, an essay and a poem.

Section 22 (By-Laws).—All votes cast by the members of this Association upon any question up for consideration at any annual session shall be cast by each member, not by proxy or substitution, but in person; provided that the secretary may cast the vote of the association when by vote of the Association he is empowered so to do.

The Finance Committee's report was adopted approving the reports of the secretary and treasurer and instructing the secretary to draw on each member of the Association whose dues are delinquent. The secretary's salary was fixed at \$75.00, as for previous years. The secretary's report showed total collection of \$566.00 since his former report; the treasurer's report showed a balance on hand, as of May 31, 1914, of \$104.17. The report of the finance committee having in charge the entertainment of the National Editorial Association which had visited Texas that year, showed a balance on hand of the entertainment fund (raised by voluntary subscriptions of the members of the Texas Press Association) of \$101.00. This sum was turned into the treasury of the Texas Press Association.



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### Officers for 1914-15:

President—D. R. Harris, Rusk County News;  
Vice President—Walter B. Whitman, Holland's Magazine, Dallas;  
Secretary—Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo;  
Assistant Secretary—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;  
Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, Hallettsville Herald, (Houston);  
General Attorney—C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point, Life Member;  
Essayist—Mrs. Laura Hamner, Claude News;  
Orator—Lee J. Rountree, Georgetown Commercial;  
Poet—J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal;  
Historian—F. B. Baillio, Cleburne;  
Flag Custodian—J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress.

Executive Committeeman N. E. A.—Tom W. Perkins.

Executive Committee, State-at-Large—Henry Edwards,  
Jno. W. Stayton, E. P. Haney, Judd Mortimer Lewis.

Executive Committee, Congressional Districts—R. B. Lockhart, D. S. Harrison, R. H. Richardson, J. D. Moyer, Frank Ezzell, A. N. Justiss, A. H. Luker, R. F. Cates, L. Seabrook, C. A. McNaughton, W. H. Whitley, O. H. Poole, Harry Koch, H. F. Mayes, F. M. Getzendaner, S. E. Miller.

Printing Committee—Sam P. Harben, R. O. Gresham, R. F. Cates, C. F. Lehmann.

Legislative Committee—J. A. Thomas, W. C. Edwards, C. E. Gilmore, Lloyd P. Lochridge, C. B. Gillespie, W. S. Spotts, Wm. A. Bowen, Ed F. Blackshear.

Committee to Investigate Feasibility of Establishing Home for Superannuated Members—Chas. M. Barnes, Frank P. Holland, F. T. Roche.

Program Committee—F. B. Baillio, Walter B. Whitman, Will A. Holford, J. R. Ransone, Jr., E. C. Hunter, R. E. Yantis, Thomas H. Napier.

Delegates to N. E. A.—Miss M. E. Neal, Carthage; A. C. Baldwin, Austin; C. M. Barnes, San Antonio; Will H. Mayes, Brownwood; Frank P. Holland, Dallas; N. P. Houx, Mexia; Joe J. Taylor, Dallas; J. S. Daley, Dublin; J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove; H. B. Terrell, West; G. B. Whitley, Jacksonville; Fred



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B. Robinson, Waco; R. E. Yantis, Athens; W. A. Johnson, Memphis; W. A. Adair, Marshall; A. R. McCollum, Waco; R. M. Johnston, Houston; H. A. Gibbs, Harlingen; Monroe Drew, Kaufman; John E. Davis, Mesquite; F. C. Thompson, McKinney; Ashley Evans, Bonham; M. E. Foster, Houston; H. V. Hamilton, Palestine; C. F. Lehmann, Houston; L. J. Rountree, Georgetown.

The social features provided by the civic and social organizations of Wichita Falls were so numerous and varied that limitations of space forbid their enumeration. Miss LaVerne Cates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cates, charmed with several of her most choice readings and Mrs. Fred W. Botts of New Orleans thrilled the convention with a solo of rarest quality. Excursions were made to the oil and gas fields of Petrolia and visits made to Lake Wichita and to many of the numerous industrial plants of the entertaining city.

Corpus Christi was chosen for the 36th annual meeting (1915) by a vote of 45 to Austin's 35 after the withdrawal of Mineral Wells, the only other candidates for the next meeting. A silver tea set was presented to retiring President Taylor, Hon. Lee J. Rountree making the presentation address.

A brief of the program shows:

Annual Address .....	President J. J. Taylor
The Business End of a Country Newspaper..	R. M. Thompson
Should Mail-Order Advertising be Taken?.....	Orion Proctor
My Idea of What a Country Newspaper	
Should Be .....	Will A. Holford
Should the Newspaper and Job Office Be	
Divorced? .....	J. R. Ransone, Jr.
The Value of Newspaper Files and Their	
Preservation .....	J. E. H. Railley
Is the Country Publisher Spending too Much	
for Improvements? .....	B. F. Harigel



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The Proper Care of Type and Machinery....Will H. Whitley  
 School of Journalism.....Dean Will H. Mayes  
 About the Job Office and Job Printing.....E. L. Stone  
 Getting Foreign Advertising.....Frank P. Holland, Jr.  
 The Telephone as an Asset to the Publisher..J. E. Farnsworth  
 Newspaper Problems.....Wright A. Patterson  
 Cleanliness and System in the Newspaper Office..Ben Hartley  
 How to Run a Successful Magazine.....Walter B. Whitman

The members attending the thirty-fifth annual convention follow:

C. H. Abbott, J. M. Adams, E. G. Atlee, F. B. Baillio, H. W. Blakeslee, Ed F. Blackshear, W. A. Bowen, Sam Braswell, James Calvert, R. F. Cates, Claude Callan, M. Clendenin, John E. Cooke, Cyrus Coleman, Claud Council, J. S. Daley, R. B. Donnell, Henry Edwards, Jack H. Estes, W. C. Edwards, Frank Ezzell, G. W. Faulkner, S. C. Findley, H. A. Gibbs, C. E. Gilmore, Tom C. Gooch, John Gould, R. O. Gresham, Jas. A. Greer, O. P. Gresham, John Grundy, Mrs. Laura Hamner, E. P. Haney, D. R. Harris, Will A. Harris, Fred L. Haskett, Jr., Frank P. Holland, Jr., Sam C. Holloway, Fred Horton, N. P. Houx, Ed Howard, L. P. Henslee, E. M. Hulbert, W. A. Johnson, J. F. Kempton, Jr., Harry Koch, C. F. Lehmann, F. M. Littlepage, J. H. Lowry, A. H. Luker, Thos. B. Lusk, Oscar Martin, Will H. Mayes, John R. Mays, S. E. Miller, Joe M. Moore, B. C. Murray, Harve P. Nelson, A. W. Perkins, R. K. Phillips, T. R. Poole, J. L. Pope, Orion Proctor, J. E. H. Railey, J. R. Ransone, Jr., Keating Ransone, R. V. Reavis, Sam A. Roberts, Fred B. Robinson, Lee J. Rountree, H. T. Schwenker, B. T. Shepherd, R. Shuffler, Ross Simpson, A. W. Sledge, J. Frank Smith, W. S. Spotts, John W. Stayton, W. Straley, Joe J. Taylor, H. B. Terrell, J. A. Thomas, J. C. Thomas, W. G. Thomas, Frank W. Thomason, F. C. Thompson, Homer D. Wade, M. E. Wallace, C. W. Warwick, Joe M. Warren, W. I. West, C. W. Wilson, W. H. Whitley, G. B. Whitley, Walter B. Whitman, R. E. Yantis, W. W. Simmons.



## Thirty-sixth Annual Convention—1915

THE thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Association convened in Loyd's Pavilion in Corpus Christi, Thursday morning, June 10, 1915, President D. R. Harris presiding. Rev. J. W. Sikes of that city invoked God's blessings upon the body. Mayor Roy Miller of the city extended formal welcome in most happy phrase and Dean Will H. Mayes of the School of Journalism of the State University responded thereto. President Harris then delivered his annual address, "a classic of the craft and a masterpiece worthy and true." At this particular time a very tense international situation had arisen because of the sinking of the *Lusitania* which caused the loss of more than 100 American lives; and because the Secretary of State had resigned because of disagreement with President Wilson. The Association, true to its traditions of patriotism unanimously adopted the following resolution introduced by Col. Frank P. Holland, Sr.:

Resolved, That this Association instruct the secretary to send by telegraph the following message to President Woodrow Wilson:

"The Texas Press Association, in convention assembled, unreservedly endorses your policy for our country in the present world crisis. And we hope that when the horrible conflict is ended, guided by your unyielding love of righteous peace, she shall have passed through its frightfulness without so much as the smell of fire on her garments, this nation, as the friend of humanity and the one power that in the midst of insanity remained sane, will be turned to by the world to shape the terms of universal peace and lead in the rehabilitation of mankind."

The following reply to the message wired to President Wilson was received:

"The Whitehouse, Washington, June 11, 1915.—My Dear



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Mr. Harben: The President has received your very kind message of June 10th, and has asked me to thank you warmly for it. He desires me to assure you, and through you, the members of the Texas Press Association of his genuine appreciation of this expression of confidence and support. He is greatly heartened by your generous words. Sincerely yours. —J. P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President."

The following preamble and resolution proposed by Henry Edwards was, by motion of the body, wired to Col. Baillio, the author and compiler of this volume:

"The absence of Col. F. B. Baillio from this meeting of the Texas Press Association is noted by every member with a feeling of keenest disappointment, it being the first time he has failed to be present within the memory even of our longest time members. The cheery smile and the soulful handclasp and brotherly greeting by which he has hitherto invariably contributed so materially to the good fellowship of our annual meetings are lacking. We know that his spirit is with us now though his body is claimed at home by infirmities of the flesh; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our secretary be requested to wire him as follows: 'Every member of the Texas Press Association feels a sorrow inexpressible at your absence; and our prayers ascend for your speedy restoration to good health. With the most affectionate greetings to you, we keep you ever in our memory.

'Texas Press Association.'"

The following committees were named:

Committee on Finance — Will C. Edwards, chairman, Record and Chronicle, Denton; W. Sherwood Spotts, Fannin County Favorite, Bonham; Sam C. Holloway, Times, Deport; John E. Davis, Mesquiter, Mesquite; J. H. Lowry, Signal, Honey Grove.

Committee on Resolutions — John E. Cooke, Reporter, Rockdale, chairman; A. H. Luker, Messenger, Grapeland; J. R. Ransone, Jr., Enterprise, Cleburne; M. E. Wallace, Eagle, Bryan; C. H. Abbott, Southwestern Telephone News, Dallas.



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Committee on Constitution and By-Laws — Henry Edwards, Banner, Troup, chairman; G. H. Boynton, Herald, Hamilton; J. P. Chambless, Signal, Snyder; Cyrus Coleman, Independent, Henrietta; W. W. Thornton, Texarkanian, Texarkana.

Committee on Membership—Tom B. Lusk, News-Herald, Italy, chairman; R. A. Alford, News, Granger; Ben F. Smith, Beacon, Lockney; Geo. B. Whitley, Progress, Jacksonville; J. E. H. Railley, Herald, Weatherford.

Committee on Revision of the Roll—Lee J. Rountree, Commercial, Georgetown, chairman; C. F. Lehmann, San Antonio; Sam M. Braswell, Express, Venus; O. P. Gresham, Pythian Banner-Knight, Temple; J. A. Thomas, Monitor, Mineola.

Memorial Committee — (This committee appointed at Wichita Falls for one year)—R. E. Yantis, Review, Athens, chairman; F. C. Thompson, Examiner, McKinney; Sam P. Harben, Echo, Richardson.

The President's address was placed in the hands of a committee composed of Lee J. Rountree, G. E. Watford and J. C. Florea, who in due time submitted a report accepting the address and commending the administration of President Harris as "wise, business-like, unselfish and worthy of emulation."

Telegrams and letters of regret appear in the Minutes from more than a score of members who had a notable record for regular attendance at the annual meetings—the absence of a majority of whom was due to unusually heavy rains disarranging railway traffic in portions of the State. Will C. Edwards submitted a list of forty upon whom the Association bestowed the distinction of honorary membership because of their services to the Association, their rank in the councils of state, their attainments in the ranks of business or their achievements as educators and men of affairs. The honorary list is too long for publication here.

Upon report of the committee on membership the following were elected to membership in the Association:



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L. T. Hoyt, Mercedes Tribune; Geo. Waverly Briggs, Galveston News; G. L. Carnes, Carthage East Texas Register; R. V. Holland, Holland's, Dallas; J. H. Davenport, Austin American; Hal H. Sevier, Austin American; James C. White, Brownwood Bulletin; J. P. Simpson, Portland Reporter; M. M. McFarland, Alpine Avalanche; Mrs. E. Gertrude Gibbs, La Feria Leader; Andrew Folsom, Corpus Christi Democrat; C. T. Tyron, Corpus Christi Democrat; Webster F. Hays, Mt. Enterprise Herald; George D. Armistead, San Antonio Express; Edward L. Manson, McGregor Mirror; John N. Green, Leonard Graphic; Isadore Moritz, Edinburg Hidalgo Advance; Fred I. Massengill, Terrell Transcript; L. G. Waggoner, Miami Chief; C. L. Phillips, Milford News; A. G. Richardson, McLean News; Z. S. Armstrong, Garland News; M. S. Sellers, Brady Sentinel; Fred Wankan, Plano Star-Courier; M. D. Townley, Lampasas Blade; V. M. Loring, Mason County News, Mason; Robt. L. Baldridge, Clifton Record; L. F. Waide, Talpa Post; Chas. R. Devall, Mt. Vernon Optic-Herald; E. E. Allen, Alto Herald; C. C. Cox, Wolfe City Sun; S. W. Adams, Port Lavaca Wave; George Neu, Brenham Banner; D. N. Barrow, Dallas Progressive Farmer; Grade Callo-way, Comanche Chief-Exponent; L. W. Wilkinson, Rockwall County Tribune; Rockwall; R. T. Craig, Chandler Times; Will W. Price, Brackettville News-Mail; Miss Ida M. Farrell, Glazier Review; W. N. Beard, Ft. Worth Southwest Magazine; F. A. Taylor, Longview Leader; M. C. Wilkes, Llano News; Wyche Greer, El Paso Times; C. M. Nichols, Kimble County Citizen, Junction; J. Claude Wells, Hedley Informer; D. B. Coates, Kilgore Chronicle; T. A. Buckner, Kerrville Advance; Ben Ford, Cherokee Sun, Rusk; A. H. Willbern, Llano Searchlight; P. N. Thomas, Wood County Democrat, Quitman; Fred M. Herndon, Windom Herald; Miss Clara Linton, Hamilton Record; C. M. Evans, Bryan Eagle; Clint Thompson, McKinney Examiner.

O. C. Harrison who, at the thirty-fourth annual convention, had shown to the body the wide variations and irreconcilable differences in prices of job work, as charged by the printers of the State; and who had then been appointed to compile data and make recommendations at the next meeting looking to the establishment of more nearly uniform prices, had been detained from attending the next (35th) annual meeting. True to the task committed to him, he appeared at this meeting with his report, submitted a form of job-envelope and asked that a committee be appointed to co-operate with him in getting the system which this envelope implied before the Association. H. H. Orem, Tom B. Lusk and E. L. Manson were appointed to assist Mr. Harrison.

The following resolution, a deserved "flower for the living," signed by C. F. Lehmann, W. C. Edwards and G. B. Whitley, was passed without reference to the Committee on Resolutions:



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"Whereas, our untiring secretary, the Hon. Sam P. Harben, has, during all the years of his incumbency, shown an unparalleled fidelity and efficiency in the discharge of his duties; and, whereas, for the present year in particular, he has made unusual sacrifices in his personal affairs through which the entire membership of the Association find themselves direct beneficiaries in a large and material manner, and through which the Association finds itself increased in new membership beyond the record of growth for any previous year; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this Association, by unanimous vote, express its most sincere thanks to our beloved secretary and commend to the individual members, for their emulation, his faithful service, untiring fidelity and unflagging zeal."

Later during the convention, the Minutes show, D. C. McCaleb gained recognition "under the plea of personal privilege," and presented to Secretary Harben a beautiful silver service, the gift of the individual members of the Association in further attestation of his eminent services.

The following resolutions formulated by the committee on resolutions, or approved by them, were adopted: A series of resolutions thanking the people, Rotary Club and other organizations of "Corpus Christi by the Sea" for the hospitality and entertainment extended; a resolution thanking W. G. Crush, Geo. F. Lupton and E. F. Blomeyer, all distinguished railroad general passenger agents; a resolution thanking Hon. Earl W. Hodges, Secretary of State for Arkansas and Secretary of the Press Association of that commonwealth, for his proffered services to assist in campaign in Texas to require by law the publication of legal notices; a resolution by Rountree, Whitman and Gaston approving the rural school bill and commending the legislature for its passage; a resolution by Congressman Sumners favoring legislation favorable to a better system of marketing; a resolution by W. J. Buie commending the School of Journalism of the State University; a resolution



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by Blackwell favoring the right of contract as now applied to interstate transportation, which right is denied by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

From the floor Will A. Harris introduced a resolution endorsing Hon. Lee J. Rountree for the presidency of the National Editorial Association. This was adopted unanimously by the body as was also a resolution by Lehmann making the Hon. Earl W. Hodges, Secretary of the Arkansas Press Association, an honorary member and inviting him to accept a place on the program of the next annual convention.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was adopted by the body and thus again our "old friend so often in the limelight," Article 5 of the constitution, was changed. This article whose evolution through the series of years covered by this history is indeed remarkable, whatever may be its changes in the future, now stands as follows:

Article 5.—The officers of this association shall be one president, one vice-president, an attorney, one secretary, one assistant secretary, one treasurer, these to be elected annually, and an executive committee, to be composed of six (6) members, of which the president shall be ex-officio chairman, and the secretary shall be ex-officio member. These shall be elected for a term of three years; two (2) being elected by the Association each year, provided that the first year two shall be elected for one year and two for two years only, and one assistant secretary shall be appointed by the secretary. There shall be also one permanent flag custodian and one permanent historian which officers shall be elected by the Association as vacancies occur. There shall also be chosen at each annual meeting, an orator, an essayist, and a poet, whose duties shall be to deliver at the next annual meeting thereafter, respectively, an oration, an essay and a poem."

From the report of G. H. Boynton, chairman of the Special Legislative Committee appointed by the Association to secure, if possible, the passage of a just and adequate law requir-



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ing the publication of legal notices, rather than the posting of same, we reproduce the text of the bill which was introduced in the Thirty-Fourth Legislature. This bill was drawn by Judge E. G. Senter, a former member of the Association and its General Attorney for years, a champion of the Association, we may say, to whose talent and zeal we are more largely indebted perhaps than to any other individual for the enactment into law of those measures affecting the Association and advocated by it in former years. The measure, though it failed of passage, is as follows:

### **A Bill to be Entitled**

An Act to require the publication in some newspaper of general circulation of all notices now required by law or contract to be given of any act or proceeding, whether public or private, or relating to a judicial, executive or legislative matter, which notice is now authorized by law or contract to be made by posting notices in one or more public places, fixing the time of such publication, and the compensation, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith and declaring an emergency.

### **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That whenever by law or contract notice is required to be given of any act or proceeding, whether public or private, or relating to a judicial, executive or legislative matter, which notice is now authorized, either by law or contract to be made by posting notices in one or more public places, such notices shall hereafter be given by publication thereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year, in the county in which said act or proceeding is to occur.

Section 2. All notices published under the provisions of this act shall be printed at least once each week for the period of time now required for posting such notices.



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Section 3. In the event no paper should be published in the county where such notice is required to be given, publication thereof shall be made in a newspaper published in any county nearest thereto.

Section 4. The price to be paid for all publications required by this act shall be one dollar per square of one hundred words, for the first insertion and fifty cents per square for each subsequent insertion.

Section 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 6. There being no adequate and uniform law requiring publication of notices required to be given, creates an imperative necessity requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule that all bills be read on three several days and the same is hereby suspended, and this law shall become effective from and after its passage and it is so enacted.

The report of the finance committee, adopted by the convention, approved the reports of the secretary and the treasurer; instructed the secretary to drop from the rolls all members more than two years in arrears with their dues and to notify such members of the action; and fixed the salary of the secretary at \$100.00 per year. The secretary's report showed collections made since his previous report amounting to \$714.00. The treasurer's report showed cash on hand, as of June 5, \$330.62.

### Officers for 1915-16:

President—Walter B. Whitman, Holland's, Dallas;  
Vice President—Henry Edwards, Troup Banner;  
Secretary—Sam P. Harben, Richardson Echo;  
Assistant Secretary—R. F. Cates, Bartlett Tribune;  
Flag Custodian—J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress.  
Treasurer—C. F. Lehmann, San Antonio;  
Attorney—C. E. Gilmore, Wills Point;  
Essayist—Mrs. E. Gertrude Gibbs, La Feria Leader;  
Orator—W. A. Smith, San Saba News;  
Poet—J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove Signal;  
Historian—F. B. Baillio, Cleburne;



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Flag Custodian—J. S. Daley, Dublin Progress.

Executive Committee—(One year term) J. A. Thomas, Will H. Whitley; (two year term) Frank P. Holland, Sr., W. Sherwood Spotts; (three year term) Lee J. Rountree, Tom B. Lusk.

Printing Committee—Sam P. Harben, S. D. Chestnutt, H. A. McDougal, O. P. Gresham, W. E. Gilliland.

Legislative Committee—G. H. Boynton, William P. Hobby, A. R. McCollum, W. A. Johnson, R. F. Cates, John E. Davis, E. P. Haney, C. W. Boner.

Program Committee—F. B. Baillio, W. C. Edwards, Sam C. Holloway, Henry Edwards, J. H. Lowry, R. E. Yantis, Sam M. Braswell.

Memorial Committee—L. J. Rountree, John E. Cooke, Ashley Evans, Frank Gaston, N. P. Houx.

Delegates to N. E. A.—D. R. Harris, Will H. Mayes, T. B. Lusk, J. P. Chambless, J. R. Ransone, Jr., A. N. Justiss, W. S. Spotts, Joe J. Taylor, Miss M. E. Neal, W. L. West, A. H. Luker, C. L. Phillips, Robt. L. Baldrige, Edward L. Manson, R. W. Barry, Wm. A. Bowen, W. J. Buie, W. W. Thornton, J. A. Thomas, H. P. Nelson, C. W. Wilson, J. E. H. Railey, R. M. Thompson, G. E. Watford, Cyrus Coleman, Will W. Price, Grade Calloway, J. A. Proske, N. T. Blackwell.

Mineral Wells, Marlin, Austin, El Paso, Fort Worth and Texarkana were candidates for the next place of meeting and each city had eloquent advocates in its behalf. El Paso was triumphant.

The formal program, as revealed by the papers published in the Minutes of the session, follows:

Address of Welcome.....

.....Hon. Roy Miller, Mayor of Corpus Christi

Response to Address of Welcome.....Dean Will H. Mayes

Annual Address.....President D. R. Harris

What Does the Publisher Owe to the

Advertiser? .....Walter B. Whitman



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Country Correspondence as an Aid to Circulation

Building .....J. S. Daley

The Value of a Pretty Make-Up.....H. A. Gibbs

Methods of Arriving at the Value of Newspaper

Space .....Sam M. Braswell, Harry Koch

How to Get and Hold Subscriptions.....Tom W. Perkins

Legislative Publicity.....James Holt, Memphis, Tenn.

Is the Establishment of an Association Advertising

Bureau Practicable?.....W. C. Edwards

Why Schools of Journalism?.....Dean Will H. Mayes

The Pay-in-Advance Subscription Plan—

Does It Pay?.....B. F. Harigel, Harve P. Nelson

Should the Country Weekly Club With the Metropolitan

Papers?.....R. W. Barry, J. E. Cooke, M. W. Florer

The Mechanical Department.....R. C. Dyer

Newspaper Publicity.....Judge Hiram Glass

Order and System in a Country Print

Shop.....Mrs. Grace I. Mitchell

Members present at the Corpus Christi meeting:

Ernst Goethe, G. E. Watford, W. G. Sterett, Mrs. Walter B. Whitman, Walter B. Whitman, Mrs. E. M. Hulbert, John E. Davis, Mrs. H. P. Nelson, T. E. Arterberry, W. S. Spotts, W. W. Thornton, Henry Miller, J. A. Thomas, W. L. West, H. A. McDougal, A. H. Luker, D. R. Harris, Henry Edwards, Geo. B. Whitley, Frank P. Holland, Sr., R. M. Johnston, Sam C. Holloway, Sam M. Braswell, J. R. Ransone, Jr., J. W. Gay, R. A. Gates, Claud Council, H. A. Gibbs, H. B. Tertell, Will A. Harris, John W. Stayton, F. C. Thompson, C. F. Lehmann, J. E. H. Railey, W. M. Stanberry, R. W. Barry, J. T. Robison, Levi A. Dunlap, J. F. Kempton, Jr., J. L. Pope, Cyrus Coleman, L. P. Henslee, Frank W. Thomason, Homer D. Wade, D. O. Bell, C. W. Boner, J. A. Proske, J. L. McCaleb, O. C. Harrison, W. P. Hobby, Louis J. Wortham, C. N. Ousley, M. W. Florer, B. F. Harigel, Alf B. Schroeter, W. L. Dubose, C. M. Carpenter, Sam Fore, Jr., H. E. Faubion, John F. Lubben, Bruce W. McCarty, A. N. Justiss, Frank W. White, W. J. Yates, Ed Satterwhite, Frank Gaston, Monroe Drew, L. H. Bridges, Mrs. Grace I. Mitchell, R. M. Hudson, S. D. Chestnutt, W. A. Smith, R. E. Zieske, Sam P. Harben, C. M. Evans, Jeff McLe-more, Geo. H. Atkins, C. F. Tyron, W. N. Beard, H. L. McKnight, Fred M. Herndon, A. H. Willbern, T. A. Buckner, J. Claude Wells, M. C. Wilkes, Will M. Price, R. T. Craig, Grade Calloway, G. W. Neu, Chas. R. Devall, S. W. Adams, Robt. L. Baldrige, M. D. Townley, C. L. Phillips, Andrew Folsom, Isadore Moritz, Edward L. Manson, Frank McElreath, C. M. Nichols, V. M. Loring, L. T. Hoyt, George Waverly Briggs, G. L. Carnes, R. V. Holland, Hal H. Sevier, James C. White, J. P. Simpson, Jr., M. M. McFarland, J. C. Florea, Mrs. E. Gertrude Gibbs, Fred L. Massengill, C. W. Wilson, W. E. Cooke.



### PART III

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A History of Early Texas Newspapers, An  
Essay Prepared and Read by the Late  
Judge A. B. Norton Before the  
Texas Press Association at its  
Annual Convention held  
in San Antonio, in  
May, 1886.



## HISTORY OF JOURNALISM IN TEXAS.

By A. B. Norton.

The following essay, read by the late Judge A. B. Norton before the Texas Press Association, at its annual convention held in the city of San Antonio, May, 1886, is deemed of sufficient interest to justify its reproduction. He says:

To write up the history of journalism in this country, and the more particular history of newspapers of Texas, is the duty assigned me by this Association.

Broad is the field and very prolific, yet requiring much of labor and research on the part of the gatherer and gleaner. The history of the country may be said to be almost entirely embraced in its journalism; by tradition and through the newspapers we learn it all. Of the country at large we will say but little in our discourse, because we feel that the empire of Texas requires our more immediate attention. In this semi-centennial year of Texas Independence it is meet and proper that a review and history of our journalism should be made to a Texas Press Association.

Sixty-seven years have passed since the printing press made its appearance in Texas; and fifty-seven have gone by since the first issue of a newspaper in the territory embraced in the limits of our State.

The first printing press and office was established at Nacogdoches for the purpose of publishing pronouncements, circulars, orders and documents of an official character when this was a province of Mexico. There had been for some time a printing office at Natchitoches, Louisiana, and that was the nearest one.

At San Felipe de Austin, about fifteen miles southeast of where the flourishing town of Bellville stands, was placed



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the second printing press. That section of country bearing the name of Austin county was made the center of the great colonizer, Stephen F. Austin, in 1821, and hither came the early pioneers of our civilization. The name of San Felipe de Austin was conferred upon the headquarters; Stephen F. Austin was commissioned political chief, and here a land office was opened and titles issued to the colonists—among whom were the Bordens, Robbinses, Shipmans, Prators, Abner Kuykendall and sons, the Cummingses, Lakeys, Petuses, Whites, Parkers, Leagues, Oliver Jones, Isam Belcher, Dave Talley, Kennedy and others. Each family received a square league (4,427 acres) for pasturage and a labor (177 acres) for cultivation. The land office was well conducted and the surveys of 1824 were so correctly made that, it has been said, there has been no difficulty since in finding the surveys from the directions in the titles. To these hardy pioneers life was in the rough and they lived in the rugged simplicity of nature, not exactly subsisting on the John the Baptist diet of locusts and wild honey, but their main dependence was upon the wild deer for clothing and for provisions—a fat deer for meat and a poor one for bread. The dearest object of all on the earth to the early Austin colonists was the deer. They had traveled in wagons over rough and rugged roads in a journey of months and carrying only scanty supplies and but few implements and to the unerring rifle they looked for the provisions. The soil was in the freshness and beauty of virginity, unfurrowed and untouched by man.

The hostile Indians were around the colonists, restricting their hunting, and at times there was much suffering. One of the hunters of the families has left on record that the children used to run to meet him when he returned from the chase and that the circumstance which most tried his feelings in his life was the looks of the children when the meat was exhausted and he failed to bring any.



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The first manufacturing started was dressing buckskins for clothes. The first importation was by some of the colonists, from Matamoras, Mexico, of seed corn on pack mules.

The first horse thieves were Indians of the Tonkawa tribe, who in the summer of 1823 stole from a settler on the Brazos, below the La Bahia road, his horses. They were pursued to the camp of the Tonkawa tribe, fifty miles down the river, when the horses were found and delivered up and the tribe, who were friendly to the whites, handed the thieves over to them and they were tried and flogged before them all; and there was no further stealing from the settlers by any of that tribe. Soon after, the Waco Indians, who were a villianous tribe, stole all their horses and escaped with them across the Yegua river. With the Carankawa Indians on the Colorado river, there was some fighting in 1823.

In 1824 a Mexican horse drover was robbed and wounded by a party of his countrymen on the Atascasito road, a few miles west of the Colorado. The wounded drover, escaping, gave notice to the settlers who followed and overtook some of the robbers on the right bank of the Brazos river, at a point opposite Groce's, and, after killing them, put their heads on poles by the roadside, as was the custom in the United States at that time in punishing highwaymen—and they served as mile posts in the early days to deter wrong doers.

The first office in Nacogdoches, in July, 1819, was under the editorial management of Horatio Bigelow, an adventurer from Massachusetts. In addition to publications for the authorities, it is asserted by some whom we have met that there was a sheet with the news at times issued at this office, but no copies are in existence.

From the second press, that at San Felipe, there was issued in 1829, a newspaper (The first issue was dated September 29, 1829, and it was published until July 1832), bearing the appropriate name of "The Cotton Plant," and of which



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Godwin B. Cotten was editor and proprietor. Cotten published at this office a small pamphlet history of Texas in 1829.

In January, 1831, "The Gazette of Texas" was published on this press, and after a few numbers its name was changed to "Mexican Nation" by Father Michael Muldoon, who had, in 1830, made his advent from Mexico to live here "in high clover." Under the Mexican law, marriages could only be solemnized by a Catholic priest. There was none in the colony, but, nevertheless, men and women "jined together," signing a bond in presence of a magistrate under a penalty of \$10,000 to be man and wife; and, to obviate clerical objections, the church ceremonies were to be performed when the priest "hove in sight." It will be noted that liberality prevailed, and although there was not a sou in the colony they gave bonds quickly for \$10,000 when necessary. An old citizen writes of Michael, "he was a kind-hearted, liberal-minded old gentleman, who did everything he could for the colony and nothing against it. He baptized everybody, performed the marriage ceremony for all who wished to get married, took his pay in cattle, the legal tender of that day, and drank his wine merrily. He wrote for the little newspaper many humorous and entertaining articles, both in prose and verse. He is kindly remembered by all who knew him." The chairman of our committee of arrangements at San Antonio, General H. B. Andrews, was one of the youths baptized by the good Father, and speaks well of him. Let us, too, cherish the memory of him, for he did square work in those early days.

Among the number of talented and ambitious men who put in an appearance at that time were David G. Burnet, the brothers, W. H. and Patrick C. Jack, Jack A. and W. H. Wharton, R. M. Williamson, W. B. Travis, Ira R. Lewis, Thomas J. Chambers, Mosely Baker, Gail Borden and others who made our history. John W. Kenny with his family arrived in November 1833, and built his cabin where the town



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of Washington was afterward built. For thirty years he lived there—until his death.

When San Felipe was burned, the town went down. The government officers then, for the want of houses, went to Columbus and transacted public business there. San Felipe, or St. Phillip, was in part rebuilt and was the county seat of Austin County till 1847. In the public records the place is styled the town of Austin, until the new capital of the Republic was located on the Colorado when the name, together with the title and honors of the capital, were removed to that city. The Congress of 1836 established precincts, nearly corresponding to the counties subsequently formed. There were two associate judges: Thomas Barnet and Robert Kleberg. R. M. Williamson, "Three Legged Willie," was the first judge of the district court which met in 1837; Judge Benjamin C. Franklin succeeded in 1838.

San Felipe, with the exception of Nacogdoches and the old Missions below San Antonio, is the oldest town in Texas. It was founded by Stephen F. Austin, and chartered by the Mexican government in 1824, and was incorporated under the name of San Felipe de Austin. The charter granted by the Mexican government embraced five leagues of land, extending from the Brazos river to the San Bernard, a distance of ten miles. Before the Revolution, the town proper contained about 300 acres. It was the principal trading point in the State and contained several thousand inhabitants. During the struggle for liberty, it was for a time the seat of government; and the first congress of the Republic convened at San Felipe. During the year 1834, General Houston, for the safety of his army as he believed, ordered the destruction of the town, and it was entirely destroyed. After the Independence of Texas was accomplished, the town was again incorporated and the incorporation has been kept alive by annual election of officers; yet its glory has departed; and only in name and tradition does its greatness and



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fame linger in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, who transmits to the younger generation the salient points in its history.

The next paper in Texas was "The Constitutional Advocate and Texas Public Advertiser," published in Brazoria by D. W. Anthony, editor and proprietor, from January 1st, to July 16th, 1833. D. W. Anthony was from the North, a lawyer and man of genius. He died at his post of cholera in 1833, and the paper ceased to be issued. Brazoria was a pretentious seaport town. The schooner, "Wild Cat," was its main dependence for regular connection with the outside world, by which it received letters and papers from New Orleans in from one to two weeks, and New York's latest dates in three or four weeks. Mrs. Jane H. Long, the accomplished widow of General Long, kept the principal hotel, whereat lawyers, doctors, et al., did congregate with much regularity three times a day. The town of Velasco was noticed in the January 1st number as having been attractively laid out; and we may add it has been pretty much laid out ever since! Increased mail facilities are promised, a steamboat has been purchased for the Brazos upper river navigation, stages are to be run between Brazoria and San Felipe, etc. The building of a monument to the memory of those who fell the preceding year in the battle of Velasco is advocated. That was fought by the people under Captain John Austin, who attacked and captured Fort Velasco which was commanded by Colonel Ugartechea. Three cases of cholera in Brazoria are reported in the number of February 16, all in one family, just arrived; and in a card, Drs. C. G. Cox and T. F. L. Parrott give it as their opinion that the disease is not contagious. This is the first cholera visitation the papers of Texas record. Wm. H. Wharton issued proposals for the publication of a newspaper in Brazoria, to be called "The Voice of the People." Hence, it is surmised, came the name of Judge A. P. Thompson's paper in 1837, in Houston.



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In May 1833 the lower Brazos river was higher than ever known before or since by four feet, and until the 23rd of June crops were submerged; and that summer and fall there was much destitution and suffering. The people had to live almost entirely on "jerked" beef till the crops of 1834.

In January, 1835, a paper was published at Brazoria styled "The Texas Republican" by F. C. Gray, who was from New York, on the old press of Cotten, and it was the only paper in Texas, and continued to be published until August, 1836, when the press and material is believed to have been disposed of and subsequently used by Leger and Thompson in their office. Gray was a singular character, and a man of sprightliness. His wife was a very cunning, shrewd woman and she was charged with an intrigue to get Santa Anna out of the country. He became under suspicion and pulled up and moved to California and became very wealthy. Subsequently, he went back to New York and committed suicide.

The next paper was started by Gail and Thomas H. Borden and Joseph Baker at San Felipe. This was called "The Texas Telegraph and Land Gazette," and it was the forerunner of the "Telegraph," of long continuance in Texas. It was started in August, 1835, and when the people of the locality were driven from their homes by the Mexicans, in April, 1836, the press was carried to Harrisburg, where the government made a stand. As the twenty-second number of the paper was about being issued, the forms having been made up, proof corrected, and six copies only had been worked off when the Mexican forces appeared, the citizens were driven before them and the press and type were seized and the whole material thrown by the Mexicans into Bray's Bayou. Our informant was one of the persons so fortunate as to receive one of the six copies that had been struck off. It was then published in quarto form and made a very neat appearance. Harrisburg was then the seat of government, as everything had been moved from Washington after the



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convention that declared Texas Independence had in hot haste adjourned and officials had gone to Groce's and thence to Harrisburg.

Matagorda became a place of much prominence in early Texas days, and there, in 1835, a paper was established by Simon Mussina and published for about three years. We had the promise of a number of this old paper, but upon search our friend reports he "found it missing." Mussina is a well-educated, intelligent, public-spirited gentleman of cultivated taste, who is now enjoying his "*otium cum dignitate*" as a private citizen at Austin, and is an exception to our newspaper men of the past, having a competency of this world's goods.

In August, 1836, the Bordens had bought a new press and material at New Orleans; and they established it at Columbia and subsequently moved it to Houston. "The Telegraph," as revived, was run by Gail and Thomas H. Borden (Baker having disposed of his interest to them), and was published at Houston. Subsequently, the Bordens sold out to J. W. Cruger and Francis Moore, soldiers, who had come from Ohio as members of The Buckeye Rangers, commanded by Captain J. C. Allen, in 1836.

In the latter part of 1837 a paper was published in Brazoria, called "The Texas Planter," by Theodore Leger and A. P. Thompson. Leger was a finely educated Frenchman who had been driven from France on account of his political views. He spoke English indifferently, but was a good writer and much of a gentleman. Thompson was an Englishman who came to Texas as a member of Moorehouse's New York Battalion, of which Major Charles DeMorse was also a member. The motto of the paper was "*Vox Populi, Vox Dei*," and the citizens then called Thompson "*Vox Populi*," and Leger "*Vox Dei*." This paper was published for about one year. It was spicy and vigorous. Thompson was at the time very dissipated, but he was a man of great ability as a writer



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and was much beloved. He lived in Galveston, and died there lamented by old friends.

About this time, a new city sprang into existence and upon its advent it was heralded to the world by a paper, the largest, handsomest, and ablest in Texas. And as time has rubbed his effacing finger roughly over the place and all its connections, it will not be inappropriate to relate the history of San Luis City with the San Luis Advocate. West of Galveston, in the water there is a little speck upon the map, apparently not larger than a man's hand; nevertheless, an island about one mile square called San Luis. On the northern point of this island was once a city, as loud with the busy hum of life, and as full of hope as many another place has been. It started out in its early youth with a printing press, a cotton press, a steamboat—all belonging to its proprietors; and vessels freighted with cotton and merchandise rode the waters, bearing their pennants proudly on the waves. Tod Robinson, Matthew Hopkins, F. A. Sawyer, W. B. P. Gaines, Ferdinand Pinkard, James Love, James R. Jennings, James F. Perry, Wm. H. Jack, Judge J. R. Morris, J. Templeton Doswell, and others, united together and purchased of Perry, agent of Austin, the whole peninsula, estimated at about a league of land, bought a steamboat, a staunch craft called "The Constitution," which for some years plied in the waters of the Colorado and Brazos, erected a cotton press and purchased a printing press. Tod Robinson and Matthew Hopkins were the principal editors and managers and Samuel J. Durnett the publisher of the paper, which they conducted with signal ability for about two years, adding much to the prosperity and growth of the city. During this time, forty houses were erected in San Luis; it had its commission and forwarding merchant, in the person of Mr. Andrews, and two stores whereat goods were sold by Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Woodhull. The enterprising men above named at this city projected the first bridge of length and the first canal in



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Texas. Mr. Hopkins superintended the building of a bridge, from San Luis to the main land, 1320 feet, contracting for the plank from Angus McNeill, who then had a mill at Houston. The canal was undertaken to connect San Luis Bay with Oyster Creek and the Brazos river, and Oyster Creek was to be used as a feeder. Something less than a mile was to be cut for this purpose. At the time this city was under full headway it was believed by many that it would eclipse Galveston. But, as with all great enterprises, before Congressional subsidies, Credit Mobiliers and Back Pay ways of "raising the wind" were known, failure ensued for want of money. It is worthy of note, however, that San Luis had in early times a high reputation as a harbor. Commodore Anya, an old Mexican commodore, told Mr. Hopkins and others at Houston, that during the Mexican and Spanish war he was with a fleet of vessels that took refuge in that harbor, and that they were safely there for two or three weeks, and that there was then about sixteen feet of water on the bar and he believed San Luis to be a better harbor than Galveston. The shipment of cotton reached about 5,000 bales. In 1841 there was more cotton shipped at San Luis than at Galveston. But San Luis, with its great expectations, has passed away, and there is not a house to mark the spot, not a plank, or a stone to tell that it was once a part of that city. The buildings and materials generally were moved to its rival city. Its 60 to 100 votes have died or gone to other parts. Of all its proprietors, the only ones now living are Ferdinand Pinkard and J. Templeton Doswell now in New Orleans. Matthew Hopkins, the old clerk of the United States District Court at Austin, who died recently, was one of the number. Mr. Hopkins was born in the city of New York in 1808, emigrated to Montgomery, Alabama, and from thence to Galveston in October, 1838. Tod Robinson was a distinguished lawyer, a finished scholar, and one of the best writers Texas has had. For two seasons he served in the House of Representatives of



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Texas. He followed his brother-in-law, A. P. Crittenden, who had moved to California in 1850 or 1851. Robinson soon acquired a high standing in the profession of the law and was, I believe, one of the Supreme Judges of that State at the time of his death.

In 1838 a man by the name of Warren J. Niles published a paper in Houston of which no copy can be found; and yet it is said to have been very ably conducted.

At Velasco, in 1838, the hopes of many prominent men were clustered, and it was a center of great thoughts and expectations. The following specimen of job work of that period is presented, also copies of early papers for your inspection, and I believe that in typographical execution, neatness and finish they are not surpassed in these days. (Here follows a reproduction of an invitation to a Fourth of July dinner and ball to be given at the Archer House in the city of Velasco on July 4, 1838, and signed by Thos. J. Green as president of the Velasco Association. The printing was by the Telegraph Press, Houston.)

The first paper at Galveston was "The Galveston Times," edited, published and owned by Ferdinand Pinkard, now residing at New Orleans. He was an intelligent, social gentleman of good business habits and greatly esteemed. His paper showed the very "age and body of the times."

"The Galveston Civilian" was established on the 8th of May, 1838, by Hamilton Stuart. During the intervening years it has had its vicissitudes as usual to journals. But very few changes were made as to conduct or management during the most eventful years of our history. Hamilton Stuart was its controlling spirit. A native of Kentucky, by nature conservative, the paper was throughout his connection with it an advocate of law and order and good movement.

"The Matagorda Gazette" succeeded Mussina's paper and was edited and published by J. W. Dallam, widely known as the author of Dallam's Digest. Dallam was a lawyer of abil-



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ity, a fine writer, and much liked. He died, and his widow, who was a daughter of S. Rhoads Fisher, married the Honorable Jno. W. Harris and is now residing in Galveston. Dugald McFarland afterwards edited the paper. He had been a soldier in the army and immigrated from Alabama. He died many years ago. The influence of the press helped Matagorda materially. It had at the time a population ranging from 800 to 1,000.

In 1839 a paper was started at Richmond on the Brazos called "The Gazette," of which Robert Eden Handy, one of General Houston's volunteer aids at San Jacinto, was editor. Handy was one of the founders of Richmond. He was a native of New York and a gentleman of culture and refinement. Richmond was laid off in the spring of 1837 by Handy and Lusk, who owned the press. The latter was a native of Enfield, Connecticut, and was born and brought up in the neighborhood of Ex-Governor E. M. Pease. In attempting to cross the Navidad in 1841, when the river was high, he was drowned. Richmond had at the termination of the paper a population of 300 or 400, and was regarded as one of the most promising towns of the State.

"The National Intelligencer" was a large and ably conducted newspaper published by Major Samuel Whiting in Houston, 1838-39. Henry W. Jewett, who was educated at Cambridge, Massachusetts, was a ripe scholar and was for a time its editor. He was for a time private secretary to President Lamar, was afterwards a senator and Judge of the District Court, residing in Leon County. The old citizens recognized in him an able lawyer and a most worthy man.

"The National Banner" was, about the same period, published in Houston. A gentleman named Smith, Wm. Jeff Jones (afterwards a District Judge and of Galveston county), and Major George W. Bonnell, were each for a time, editor of "The National Banner." But we have not been able to learn the dates at which they were respectively attached.



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Captain John N. O. Smith, a first-class printer and man of talent, was long connected with the Houston press. In 1842 he was captain of the Houston company in the Somerville Expedition.

At Washington on the Brazos, shortly after Houston established the seat of Government there, at least from the fall of 1842 till after annexation, a paper was published called "The Vindicator" and edited by "Ramrod" Johnson, or Thomas J. Johnson, who resided for some time at Washington and LaGrange. He had been a schoolmaster in Kentucky, came to Texas, became a lawyer, and for a time was Judge. He was a writer of pungency and force.

At LaGrange was a paper called "The LaGrange Intelligencer," gotten up by a Mr. Bradburn, a practical printer. It was subsequently published by Mr. McLellan and edited by S. S. B. Fields, who from his remarkable puffing capacity as well as his initials was called "Steamboat Fields." It continued till 1845 or '46, when Fields moved to Austin where he died in April, 1846. This paper was continued with considerable ability, and its main feature was its denunciation of General Houston for his removal of the seat of government, etc.

In the fall of 1839 "The Austin Gazette" was started by Samuel Whiting, publisher, with George A. Teulon as editor and Joel Miner as foreman. Whiting was from Hartford, Connecticut, and had been for some years in Texas. Teulon was a well educated and very eccentric Englishman. Teulon went to the West Indies, and is reported to have died afterwards in China. The removal of the seat of government broke Whiting up.

In January, 1840, "The Texas Centinel" was commenced at Austin by Jacob W. Cruger and George W. Bonnell. Cruger was of the old firm of Cruger & Moore of Houston. Bonnell was a native of Steuben county, New York. He had at different times edited papers in Selma and Mobile, Ala-



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bama, and at Aberdeen, Mississippi. He came to Texas as a volunteer in 1836, was Major commanding the Milam Guards and other troops on the frontier in 1838 and in 1842, and went with the Somerville Expedition to Mexico. He was one of the guards over the Texas camp at the battle of Mier, December 25, 1842, retreated with his comrades on hearing of the defeat in Mier, was captured ten miles west of the Rio Grande, carried back to the river and there murdered. The printers on "The Centinel" were Martin Carroll Wing, from Vermont, who drew a black bean and was shot by the Mexicans at Salado, Mexico, in April, 1843; Joseph A. Clark, late a preacher in Hood county; William Clark, from Steuben county, New York; and John Henry Brown, then a boy of nineteen or twenty, now mayor of Dallas.

About the year 1840 a paper called "Red Lander" made its appearance at San Augustine, edited by Canfield, which at once took a leading position among journals. Canfield subsequently moved out to the Nueces country and has been lost sight of.

"The Texas Planter" at Columbia was published in 1841, '42 and '43 by Samuel J. Durnet, when he moved the press and material to Galveston and merged his office with Hamilton Stuart, and together they published "The Civilian" for many years. Mathew Hopkins was during most of the time the editor of "The Planter," and published a series of able articles on organization and education, etc. Here he wrote and issued the first serial novel ever published in Texas, under the title, "Marianna and her Wrongs," scene laid in Mexico; Cortez and his mistress were the principal characters. Its numbers appeared for about a year, and it has been spoken of to us as a highly finished production. Hopkins was a gentleman of excellent education, and unexceptionable character, and a very smooth writer. He died in Austin, where he had resided for many years, holding the position of clerk of the United States District Court.



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E. H. Cushing for about two years edited "The Planter" at Columbia. He was a native of New Hampshire, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and first engaged in teaching the young idea in old Brazoria how to shoot. Entering into the editorial line, he soon acquired a high reputation as one of the leading newspaper men. He gave to "The Houston Telegraph" its greatest reputation, and made it the leading Democratic paper in the State. Having disposed of his establishment for some \$30,000 in gold, he engaged in the book and stationery business at Houston until his death.

Returning to "The Telegraph," we will give a brief epitome of its history and of incidents connected with the paper and its editors and publishers. Gail and Thomas H. Borden were succeeded by Humphreys; then came Cruger and Moore; Harvey H. Allen & Co. succeeded them; then E. H. Cushing, who continued its publication until after the War, when he sold out and C. C. Gillespie became editor. J. G. Tracy for a time was publisher, and then the entire outfit was disposed of to General J. W. Webb. After an interval of some years the office was bought at sheriff's sale by A. C. Gray & Co., who were, until its end, its publishers. While in the office, frequently we examined the old files and received from A. C. Gray, who learned his trade in Brazoria, and was regularly in the printing business for many years, such information as he could impart. "The Telegraph," having started at Columbia, had been moved to Harrisburg, and press and material were deposited by the Mexicans in what they deemed the most suitable "banks," those of Bray's Bayou. The original press, subsequently fished up out of the Bayou after the battle of San Jacinto, is now in Houston, a memento and perpetual reminder of the past. As before stated, a new office was purchased and the paper was revived by the Bordens and Baker at Houston. Of the Bordens we have heretofore spoken somewhat, but will briefly itemize their subsequent careers. Thomas was the first commissioner of the general land office



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of Texas and made a good officer. He was a man of much inventive talent, industry and enterprise. He lived his latter years at Galveston, having a competency and enjoying the respect and confidence of all men. Gail Borden served as collector of the port of Galveston for a time, and in various positions of life discharged the duties of a good citizen. He experimented for a time with the meat biscuit, and afterwards successfully engaged in the manufacture of Borden's condensed milk which, besides giving him a princely fortune, made his name familiar as a household word in all countries and climes where milk is used and caused him to be justly styled a public benefactor. He died, leaving a large fortune and, what was better than all else, a good name. He was one of the most benevolent, kind-hearted gentlemen we have ever known; and as a man and citizen, Texas may be proud of his memory. His family resides in Westchester county, New York, in Elgin, Illinois, and in Colorado county, this State.

Joseph Baker was a native of Maine, immigrating to Texas with his brother in 1831, and served as a soldier in the Revolution. He was well educated, taught school and wrote for the papers. Locating in San Antonio, he was for a long time a judge, and subsequently a translator in the land office. He was very social, fond of his cups, sang exceedingly well, and was popular in early times. One of his songs, which he stepped off as an overshot wheel, was a great favorite. He died in Austin in May, 1848.

Humphreys was a man of fine talent and is said to have been a good printer, but not a driving, pushing newspaper man. He did not long remain in the business. In 1838 he was elected brigade inspector of Morehouse's brigade, when the militia was designed to be placed on a war footing. It was said that he died in Houston.

John W. Eldridge, editor at the same time, has also passed from view. J. W. Cruger and Francis Moore were not printers, but they took a lively interest in the newspaper business.



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Dr. Francis Moore published a very useful book on Texas for immigrants, in 1843, and designed getting out another edition at the time of his death, which occurred in the North about 1866. His widow was keeping a boarding house in Brooklyn, New York, and his children residing with her the last known of them. Dr. Moore was for a time State geologist, was a man of considerable ability as a writer and, above all, of high moral character and great personal integrity. "Poor, but honest," was the remark usually coupled with the name of our old one-armed friend, Francis Moore. Cruger was also a worthy man; died without having married, and his name is extinct in our land.

Among the amusing incidents of their newspaper career was their having in the office a pet bear which was captured while a cub and kept as a play-fellow and as a curiosity to show to the strangers coming to the country. He became quite mischievous, however, and very troublesome at times. The water for the office was hauled in barrels and kept in the office in an open barrel. Bruin, whenever he got loose, would overturn the barrel and spill the water over the floor. On one occasion, after the paper had been made up and the printers gone to their dinner, he got loose, concluded that he would go on with their work, and accordingly gathered up the forms in his strong embrace and carried them to the press, where he pied them, delaying that week's issue. This is the first bear we have any account of in a Texas printing office.

Lancelot Abbots was the foreman of the paper at San Felipe published by Borden and Baker, and also for some years after its removal. He was a soldier in the Revolution, participating in the battle of San Jacinto, an Englishman by birth, a thoroughly educated printer, and withal a gentleman. Subsequently he returned to England, where he resided when last heard from. He wrote much in favor of immigration to Texas and labored earnestly in our behalf.

Joel Miner was for a considerable time a printer in "The



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Telegraph" office, and subsequently in the printing office at Austin. He was a native of Vermont, and first entered Texas as a volunteer in 1836. He had worked in offices in New York and other Northern cities and in France, where he acquired a knowledge of French and perfected himself as a printer upon "Galignani" and other journals.

"The Telegraph" was edited in the winter of 1836 and spring of 1837 by Edward Britton, who was a fine scholar and could converse in English, French, Spanish and Italian. The Bordens employed him as a regular writer. He afterward went to Mexico, and nothing further is known of him.

Harvey H. Allen was a native of New York and one of the Allen family who were the first settlers of Houston. He was an easy, graceful writer, well educated, kind and genial. He died in Houston, and his widow married General Sam Flournoy of Wood county, moving there with her children.

"The Northern Standard" was established at Clarksville in 1842 by Charles DeMorse. Major DeMorse came to Texas as a soldier and subsequently settled down at Matagorda. While at Austin, as a clerk, some of the Congressmen from the Red River country induced him to go to that section and start a newspaper. At Clarksville he is still editing and publishing "The Standard," which has, with some interruptions by the war and in peace, kept steadily facing the breeze—"forever floats that standard sheet."

About the same time that "The Standard" was unfurled to the Red River country, a beacon light was seen upon Galveston Island, proclaiming lustily "The News." It was the twenty-seventh paper in point of time to appear in Texas. Wilbur F. Cherry and B. F. Neal issued the first number in the fall of 1842. Cherry was a hard-working, industrious printer from Ohio and died in 1873 in Galveston, having been engaged in newspaper and job offices in Texas all the time from 1842, and having experienced the usual ups and downs of a printer's life. His family resides in Galveston. Neal



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moved out to the Nueces country where he resided for many years. Willard Richardson bought into the paper in 1845, and for a time edited it *in cog*. He was from about Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Dave Richardson, from the Isle of Wight, or Man, England, bought into the office in 1848. From that time, with slight intermissions, consequent upon rebellion, that able paper has been published. The changes in proprietorship have been few. During the War "The News," for greater safety, was moved to Houston and there published. In the fall of 1865 it reappeared in Galveston, published by W. Richardson, Richardson & Co. Weekly, at \$5 per annum; tri-weekly, \$12; and daily, \$16; published by Belo & Co.

It was difficult during the "late unpleasantness" for paper to be obtained, and "The Telegraph," "News," "Intelligencer," "Gazette," and some other papers came down to a specie basis, charging for subscriptions and advertising \$30 Confederate money to \$1 specie. The rate for weeklies was \$120 and tri-weeklies \$240 per annum. I have many copies of papers printed on rice-straw, wrapping, and wall papers, which will be sore reminders to my great-great and everlasting grand children of those terrible days in newspaper life.

The first daily paper in Texas was styled "The Morning Star" and was published by Cruger & Moore of "The Telegraph" from about 1840 to '43 or '44. D. H. Fitch was its editor. Fitch was an old friend and neighbor of Dr. Francis Moore of "The Telegraph" in Steuben county, New York.

Having thus hurriedly sketched the history of the early Texas press, we find it necessary from this period to give more brief and condensed statements in regard to the newspapers of Texas as they have become numerous and the subject has grown voluminous upon our hands. Before proceeding, however, with the thread of our discourse we must here say that the pioneers of the Texas Press were all gentlemen of education and ability, were almost all soldiers of Liberty and their respective papers were well edited and printed.



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There was not a sorry man among them all, nor was there a paper that would not have done credit to any old country.

The early settlers were generally men of culture and of worth, and the conductors of newspapers were assisted by the foremost men of the country. Oliver Jones of Massachusetts, who had served in the congress of Coahuila and Texas, was a very able man; as also, Joshua Fletcher of New Hampshire, first treasurer of Texas, who had been a Santa Fe trader; Elisha M. Pease from Connecticut, governor of the State; James H. Raymond, from New York, since treasurer of the State; Judge Peter W. Gray, C. L. Cleveland, General Hugh McLeod, Waddill, and many others whom I might name, contributed with their pens whatever they deemed would prove of interest to the paper or beneficial to the people and the country.

There were but few bad men in the country, and at the earliest day the brightest intellects in the land—gentlemen of prominence, character and education—were connected with the press as editors, publishers or contributors. Hence, a high standard was attained and kept up from the commencement; public sentiment was educated to a higher intellectual standard than is usual in new countries; and the most liberal provision was made by the Constitution and the laws of the Republic and State for education by public free schools, and by colleges and universities, for all of which there were from the earliest period the most liberal endowments.



## PAPERS PUBLISHED IN EASTERN TEXAS.

Under this head we give a list of papers published in what was the old regime, the political division of Texas into congressional districts, beginning at Sabine Pass in the first district and taking the various counties in their order:

Jefferson County had the following papers, which were of few days and full of trouble—Sabine Pass Beacon, 1860, by McClanahan & Co.; Sabine Pass Times, 1870, by C. W. Winn; Beaumont Banner; Beaumont News-Beacon, 1872-3, G. W. O'Brien, W. B. Haldeman and McClanahan, publishers; Neches Valley, 1874.

Jasper County—The East Texan was published in Jasper for about three years from 1852, and did much to advance the interests of the southeastern county. It was kept up by several public spirited gentlemen, who contributed articles of an educational and agricultural character. The East Texas Clarion was the next paper and during 1860 it was well sustained, but after the War commenced Leonard, the publisher, left and it suspended. A number of gentlemen after the termination of the War purchased a press and material with which the News-Boy took its existence in 1865 and Edward I. Kellie, and Carraway, and Green, have been its principal publishers. The East Texas Democrat was started by Kellie and Brown in 1872, and continued for several years. The Baptist Messenger was established in 1874 by W. M. Reese and McDonald.

San Augustine County—The Red Lander was published by Canfield and others from 1841 till 1847. The Texas Union was published on the corner of Columbia and Mountezuma Streets at \$3 in advance or \$5 at the end of the year. It was started in November, 1847, by S. D. Ball and its principal editor was B. F. Benton, a nephew of "Old Bullion," who was an able writer and very much beloved. He was killed at Gaines' Mill, in Virginia. The Red Land Gazette was published by A. D. McCutchen in 1857-8. The Red Land Express was published in 1867 by McClanahan and Plunkett, and subsequently by Thomas and King. The Beacon appeared in 1867, published by T. and W. McClanahan. The San Augustine Texan was published for a time by George W. King.

Shelby County—The Shelbyville Echo was published in 1859-60 for about one year.



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Panola County—The Carthage Watchman in 1860 issued a few numbers. The Texas Bulletin was published in 1860 by H. P. C. Dulaney and Tom Cooley. The Panola Watchman started in July, 1873, by Tom M. Bowers, editor and publisher.

Nacogdoches County—The Nacogdoches Chronicle, established about 1852 by N. J. Moore and J. C. Harrison. Harrison's health failing in 1854, E. W. Cave, who immigrated from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1853, and was engaged as foreman and business manager, was placed in charge as editor and subsequently purchased and ran the paper till the fall of 1859, when he became Secretary of State under Governor Houston and continued in that position until Houston was deposed in March, 1861. N. J. Moore resided for years at Sabine Pass. Harrison died in Nacogdoches in 1854. Cave is at Houston, an officer of the H. & T. C. railroad. The Chronicle, in the campaign of 1856, had a circulation of about 5,000 copies. It exerted much influence, and was successful because of the enthusiasm awakened everywhere for Governor Houston. It was then the official paper of nearly all southeastern Texas. The office was sold to H. C. Hancock, who continued it until March, 1862, when he disposed of it to H. C. Cundiff and in about one year thereafter it went down. After the War, a paper of the same name was published in 1867-8-9, by Wm. Clark, when it was discontinued. Hancock is dead. Clark was a member of the Eighth Legislature and also of the secession convention of 1861, and was a good lawyer at Nacogdoches.



## FIRST TYPE SET IN TEXAS.

"We are permitted through Mr. Job Hale's kindness to publish an item of some interest concerning the earliest printing done in Texas: Mr. LeFebre set the type for the Constitution of the State of Texas in 1825. At the time he was working at Nacogdoches in the office of Mr. Milton Slocum, who edited the first and only paper then published in Texas. The paper was printed with one side in Spanish and the other in English. The composing stick in which this work of the State was done is still in the possession of Mr. LeFebre, who resides eight miles from Bryan, and who promised Mr. Hale to lend him this relic, when it can be seen in this office.

"Hearne Enterprise."

"A. B. Norton, Esqr., Dallas, Texas.

"Dear Sir: Your letter of January 4, 1875, reached me some three days ago, the enclosed 'clip,' which I now return to you I have perused, I believe to be a fable. I have no knowledge of a printing office being established at Nacogdoches in the year 1825, or of any newspaper being published there in that year. I have made diligent inquiry and can find no evidence of its existence. In the year 1825 there was a printing office at Natchitoches, La., and the newspaper published there was printed in Spanish and English. Its name is unknown to me. If Mr. LeFebre ever set up type in a printing office in 1825 it probably was at Natchitoches, Louisiana (frequently confounded with Nacogdoches, Texas, even at this day). As for his setting up type for the Constitution of the State of Texas at Nacogdoches in 1825, it is a sheer fabrication. The relic (the composing stick) should be sent back to Louisiana, as it does not belong to Texas \* \* \*. A printing office was established in Nacogdoches, the first in Texas, in the early part of July, 1819. I will briefly state the causes that brought it about by referring to past history.



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"By virtue of the treaty made with France in 1803, the United States obtained possession of Louisiana and what is now known as Texas was considered as rightfully belonging to the United States, and Mr. Jefferson declared the title of the United States to be good as far as to the Rio Bravo. This was disputed by Spain; after much negotiation the United States unwisely waived its claim and agreed with Spain to make the Sabine River its western boundary by treaty made February 22, 1819. This treaty was very unsatisfactory to the people of the United States, particularly to the Southern States. A public meeting was held at Natchez early in 1819, and a company of volunteers raised for the invasion of Texas; James Long of Tennessee was elected its commander. He left Natchez with about 75 men on the 17th of June, 1819, and pushed on for Natchitoches, Louisiana, thence to the Sabine and on to Nacogdoches, Texas, where in a short time after his arrival he was able to muster about three hundred strong. Nacogdoches had at that time a considerable population in its vicinity, made up of several tribes of Indians (now extinct), a great number of Mexicans, also a number of emigrant adventurers with their families from the adjoining States. General Long and the leading men with him in taking possession of Nacogdoches established a Provisional Government and appointed a supreme council of which he was president, which issued a declaration proclaiming Texas a free and independent republic. A printing office, the first establishment of the kind in Texas, was put in operation under the editorial conduct of Horace Bigelow, and various laws were enacted for the organization of the country. David Long was dispatched with merchandise to the upper crossing of the Trinity to make friends with and trade with the Indians; Major Smith with a company of forty men was stationed at the Cooshattie Village on the Trinity; Captain Johnson was sent to establish a Post at the falls of the Brazos; Captain Walker was detailed with twenty-three men to fortify a position on the Brazos at the



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old LaBahia crossing, and Major Cook was ordered to Pecan Point. The dispersion of his forces led to ultimate disaster. General Long was desirous of obtaining aid of the notorious and celebrated pirate, John LaFitte, who had proclaimed himself governor of Galveston Island. He dispatched Captain Gaines to the 'Monarch of Galveston and Viking of the Gulf' to procure of him munitions of war and military assistance; the embassy was courteously received, but he declined to render any aid. LaFitte wrote to General Long conveying his best wishes for his success and gave a caution to avoid the fate of his predecessors, Magee, Kemper, Perry and others. Meanwhile the Spanish royalists were rapidly approaching; on the 11th of October they attacked Captain Johnson on the Brazos and defeated him on the 15th. They attacked Walker's fort and captured it. The enemy made an attack on the trading post on the Trinity and destroyed it. Major Smith was defeated at the Cooshattie Village on the Trinity and those that escaped fled to Nacogdoches. They were hotly pursued by the royalists, Nacogdoches was abandoned by its inhabitants and taken possession of by the Spanish forces commanded by Colonel Perez. General Long had barely time to escape with his family to the Sabine, closely pursued by the enemy. Thus closed this disastrous campaign about the 15th of November, 1819.

"I would close my account of General Long by stating that on reaching New Orleans he succeeded in assembling another body of men under his command. He proceeded to Galveston and from thence sailed down the coast to the mouth of the San Antonio and marched (having in his company Colonel Milam) upon Goliad, where he remained until intelligence was received of the revolution in favor of Iturbide, and he was invited by the new government to the City of Mexico, whither he went and was there assassinated by the connivance of the government. Another account states that Long and a portion of his followers were taken prisoners and sent to the city of Mexico,



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and that General Long himself was set at liberty and then assassinated in that city.

"In your letter you ask me for information of the first printing press in Nacogdoches. \* \* \* I have but little knowledge of the several printing presses and newspapers that have been established in Nacogdoches since the commencement of the Texas Revolution \* \* \*. Yours respectfully, John Forbes."

Tyler County—The Woodville Messenger was published by Jo A. Kirgan about May, 1856, and continued for a year and then the establishment was moved to Polk County under a promise of a better support.

Liberty County—The Liberty Gazette was published from 1855 until after secession. Wm. Chambers was principal editor. The Liberty Observer was established in 1870 by T. J. and L. C. Chambers.

Polk County—The Rising Sun was published at Livingston in 1859-60 by D. M. Crossland & Co., The Argus in 1868 by Jo A. and E. M. Kirgan.

Trinity County—There was at Sumpter, in the fall of 1860, a small paper styled The Trinity Valley, published by Jo A. Kirgan, which eked out for a short time a miserable existence, and its industrious publisher, for the support of his family, turned his attention to making hide-bottom chairs.

Houston County—The Crockett Printer was established by Oscar Dalton, who came from Louisiana in 1853, and was continued by Dalton until he was killed at his case in 1860. It was one of the liveliest, spiciest, and most humorous papers ever published in Texas. Dalton was a hard-working, industrious printer. The last time we called, in 1859, we found him working at the press with one of his boys acting as roller, his wife and some of the children at the cases setting type. He hailed us with: "Ah, Delhi, you find this family all at work; we can only make our bread by putting everyone on duty." The Crockett Argus was established in 1860 by J. M. Hall and J. C. Hepperla and for a time edited by Preston Hay, one of the most finished writers ever in the State; truly was Hay a genial, whole-souled gentleman. After Hall committed a homicide at Crockett he left the paper. Hepperla was killed during the War. The Argus was published only in 1860 and 1861. Hay was an uncompromising Union man and after secession retired to the Pen-



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nington neighborhood and employed his mind in literary pursuits. He prepared an interesting lecture on General Sam Houston, which he delivered at several points in 1865-6, and shortly after returned to Mississippi. The irrepressible Jo Kirgan entered this field in the fall of 1861 and published the Courier, which he sold to James R. Burnet, who during the War ran the Quid Nunc at this place. The Quid Nunc was established and published in 1862-3-4 by James R. Burnet, afterward a District Judge. The Texas Quid Nunc (new series), was established in July, 1865, with J. H. Potts, as editor and Potts and Leaverton publishers. The Crockett Sentinel was published in 1866-7 by A. D. Elam and Leaverton. The Central Journal was started in 1869 by R. R. Gilbert, "High Private," and L. L. Gilbert, who sold out to J. R. Burnet in 1870. The office was burned in 1871. The East Texas Herald was established by George W. Leaverton and Frank Bainey in 1873. Ledwith succeeded the latter.

Anderson County—The Palestine Advocate was established in 1855 by A. E. McClure, who subsequently associated Matt Dale in its publication, and it has been continued by McClure and Ewing; by J. W. Ewing; T. T. Gammage and R. A. Small; H. J. Hunter; Ewing, Hunter and Nance; J. W. Ewing, and Ewing & Deming. A. E. McClure was for many years clerk of the court; he died, leaving an honorable record as a public officer and a gentleman. Matt Dale was a member of the State Legislature and also of the secession convention and was killed in Virginia during the War. The Palestine American was started by A. J. Fowler in 1856 and was published till 1859. It was a neatly executed journal. Its editor, Judge Fowler, died in 1885, in Anderson County. He served as a member of the Congress of the Republic, as district judge, and creditably filled many positions. The Trinity News, in 1867, was published by W. F. Hamilton & Co. The Union Republican, in 1869, by W. H. Howard, John H. Morrison, and others. The Central Journal, in 1870, by Morrison and Farr. The Advertiser, by Jasper Starr, at Starr's Academy, in 1869-70. New Era, 1874, T. J. Chambers; succeeded by R. H. Small, editor, R. H. and J. T. Small publishers.

Rusk County—The Henderson Democrat, by M. D. Ector and James Estill. The Star Spangled Banner was published by J. W. Flanagan in 1856 as an American journal and was conducted with much spirit. Mr. Flanagan has been a legislator, lieutenant governor, and United States Senator. The Henderson Era, by Swan and S. G. Swan, was a wide-awake American journal in 1857-8-9. The



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Henderson Times was established in 1859 by J. M. Dodson; and continued to be published by J. M. Dodson & Co., till 1872. Since then it has been continued by W. W. Spivey and Frank S. Blanton. Dodson was an honest, good man, an old Whig and Unionist, and after the War his paper became more conservative and democratic. The Texas Farmer was established in 1868 by J. M. Dodson and W. K. Marshall.

Cherokee County—The Rusk Pioneer, 1849, by Rev. J. A. Clark. The Cherokee Sentinel, about 1848, by A. Jackson and Long, first started as a joint stock concern by A. J. Hood, Wm. Wiggins, et al. The Texas Enquirer by W. T. Yeomans in 1855-6-7 and '60-61. The Rusk Observer was established in 1865, published the greater part of the time since by Veitch, Barron, Jackson and Templeton—Tom J. Johnson, editor; Jack Davis, H. S. Newland, J. Dillard, Don A. Veitch, B. Barron, — Williams, Sam A. Wilson, and Jackson. Texas Freemason, in 1859-60, by Andrew Jackson and W. T. Yeomans. Jacksonville Texas Intelligencer by Rev. J. K. Street and D. C. Williams, established in 1871; A. R. McCollum and J. H. Mason & Co. publishers in 1873-4. The Cherokee Advertiser, established in 1870, Hogg (J. S.) and Templeton editors and A. Jackson publisher.

Smith County—The Tyler Reporter was established in 1854 by Stanley M. Warner and published afterwards by W. V. Hamilton & Co., Sid S. Johnson and J. P. Douglass and Callahan and Hamilton and D. C. Williams. Tyler Sentinel, 1860, by W. H. Smith. The Confederate Journal, January, 1861, G. W. Chilton, editor, and Irvin T. Cowsar, publisher. The Tyler Index, established in 1866 and published regularly since by S. D. Wood & Co., and H. C. Hunt & Co., H. C. Manning and S. D. Wood. Tyler Weekly Journal, I. T. B. Cowsar. The Tyler Newsletter, June, 1872, by C. L. Collins. Martin's Texas Advertiser, published in 1871. The Tri-Weekly Sun, 1871, by Horace Chilton. The Tyler Democrat, published by H. V. Hamilton and L. H. Baird in 1872. The Tyler Reporter in 1873 published a daily for a short time, but discontinued it for want of patronage. Troup had a paper, started by C. L. Collins & Co., in 1874.

Harrison County—The Star-State Patriot, published by Wither-  
spoon and edited by Howard Burnside, 1848. It was a very handsome appearing, well conducted paper. Burnside was a graduate of Kenyon College, Ohio, possessing considerable talent, and a graceful writer. He died at Marshall. The Southern Pacific, a railroad paper, edited mainly by Josiah Marshall, in 1854-5; A. T.



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Smith, business manager. The Harrison Flag, established by Captain J. W. Barrett in 1856, and published in 1857-8-9-'60, and until his death—a Whig and American journal conducted with great ability by as chivalrous a gentleman and as true a friend as ever lived. After the War, The Harrison Flag was revived by Captain G. W. Barrett, son of its founder, and continued till 1872. The Texas Republican, established in 1849 by T. A. and Frank J. Patillo, father and son, a strict construction Democratic paper. After a few issues, T. A. Patillo disposed of his half-interest to R. W. Loughery. Patillo & Loughery continued the paper for two years when F. J. Patillo sold his interest to R. W. Loughery. In 1868 The Republican was consolidated with The Jefferson Times. The name was given in honor of the Republic of Texas and the Republican principles of the Jefferson school. It was always ably edited and neatly executed. The Marshall Weekly, the largest and handsomest paper ever in this section, published in 1869 by a company of Republicans, Wm. Umbdenstock & Co., managers, H. R. Hetrick editor. Of too great pretensions, it survived only a year. The East Texas Bulletin was established April, 1871, by J. S. Lewis and Hamments publishers; T. P. Hawley afterwards its editor. The Marshall Reporter, April, 1871, by J. M. Kennedy. The Marshall News, 1874, J. M. Curtis editor, Charles Martin publisher. The Texas Iron Age, established in 1873, R. C. Clark editor and publisher; succeeded by J. W. Burch & Co., and W. Y. Leader. Halls-ville News, 1874, by Charles Martin editor and publisher.

Marion County—The first paper was The Herald, established by Frank Clark in 1854. He was an impetuous, impulsive writer and conducted the paper with much ability. He died in 1856. The Herald was continued by H. L. Grinstead in 1857; and in 1858 by R. H. Ward, Jr.; in 1860, H. F. O'Neal published it as The Herald and Reporter. The Jefferson Gazette was published by J. W. Nimmo in 1857, and with him was associated Mike Farley in 1858. In 1860 The Herald and Gazette was published by Shad E. Eggers. The Star-State Jeffersonian was published by James A. Warner and Tom P. Ochiltree and was violent and denunciatory in the winter of 1860-61. The Jimplecute was established in 1865, published as a semi-weekly in 1867, by Taylor and Morgan; 1869 by Taylor and Campbell, afterwards by Ward Taylor, and Taylor, McCutchen & Co. It suspended in 1872, was revived in 1874 by Taylor, Morgan & Co. Trans-Mississippi Bulletin, Vol. 1, No. 1, July 8, 1864; subscription price \$25 per year; \$15 for six months; Allen Kirbie editor. The Commercial Bulletin, 1866-7, by Walker



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and Kirbie. Norton's Union Intelligencer, 1867-8, by A. B. Norton, and forced by mob violence to suspend in the days of blood and crime. The Weekly Clarion started about July 1st, 1867, by E. E. Collins and A. A. Spence publishers, Charles Lewis editor, 24x36, \$3 per annum, published about six months. Motto: "Extremely right, or extremely wrong—no middle ground for truth." The Jefferson Times, May, 1867-8, R. W. Loughery and A. D. McCutchen; weekly and daily, October, 1867; in 1868, consolidated with The Marshall Republican, and continued as The Times and Republican by R. H. Loughery until in 1872, when the office was destroyed by fire. The Evening Reflector, a weekly school and literary journal, 1868, F. J. Patillo editor and proprietor. The Ultra Ku-Klux, a 24x36 paper was started about the 14th of April by R. R. Haynes & Co., editors and proprietors; issued every Thursday at \$3 per year; "Devoted to a white man's government, will abuse the carpet-baggers and scallawags up to the hub for the money." "\* \* \* This paper will advocate the Democratic theory of our government and will heartily co-operate with white men and Democrats throughout the length and breadth of the land." It "Co-operated" for one year. The Jefferson Democrat, established in 1870 and published by James & Houston, by Milton Park, J. H. McEachern and by F. P. Alexander, daily and weekly. The Home Advocate, established in 1869 by G. A. Kelley and continued by F. J. Patillo; Rev. S. J. Tawkins was for a time its editor. Christian Companion (Baptist), J. R. Clark, 1867. Evangelist Register, Carpenter and S. Chadwick (Cumberland Presbyterian), established in December, 1865. Jefferson Radical, C. T. and C. W. Garland, 1869, and continued in 1870-1-2. Tribune, by Dillard; burned up January, 1874. Mail, daily and weekly, 1873, by a company of co-operative printers, editors and publishers, C. T. Thomas business manager. The Magnet, tri-weekly, established in 1873, G. W. Wooten editor, F. G. and J. H. Wooten publishers. Jefferson New Epoch, established as a Democratic daily in 1873, J. C. Rodgers & Co., editors and publishers. The Weekly Jeffersonian, 1871, called Radical for short, by Roberts & Co. Leader, daily, 1874, W. Y. Leader editor and publisher.

Upshur County—Tribune, 1860, by Trowell and brothers; Gilmer Tribune, 1869, Irwin Cowsar. Sentinel, established in 1868, M. R. Willeford editor; and I. B. Cowsar editor in 1869.

Gregg County—Longview New Era, 1872, E. S. Terry editor and J. S. Terry and son publishers. Longview News, 1871, Williams and Hogg (J. S.).



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Wood County—Free Press, J. E. Lemon and W. Banks. Herald, 1856-7-'60, W. J. Sparks. Quitman Clipper, A. P. Shuford, 1859-60; revived in 1866-7-8-9. Texas Clarion, 1868, D. C. Williams. Journal, 1870, W. Alexander and I. B. T. Cowsar. Quitman News, Hogg (James Stephen) and Davis. Martin's Texas Advertiser, Mineola, Charles Martin editor and publisher; established in 1871 and shifted from Tyler to Mineola in 1873.

Titus County—Mount Pleasant Union was established in July, 1860. The Southern Patriot, established in 1873, R. B. and H. B. Haynes editors and W. L. Leuveur publisher. The Texas Press, Mount Pleasant, established November 16, 1867, J. Hort Smith editor, Adams and Jennings publishers; and B. Ober; in 1868, S. P. Adams.

Hunt County—The Greenville Gladiator was published by B. W. Reilly in the year 1860; it was neatly executed, but inadequately supported and the publisher abandoned the field. The Greenville Herald was established in 1869 and has been published for a time by each of the following parties: J. C. Bayne, Jim Farr, J. D. McCammett, W. H. Ragsdale and H. E. Monroe.

Hopkins County—The Independent Monitor, Sulphur Springs, 1860, by Ashcroft, Davis & Co. Hopkins Democrat, Tarrant, 1857-'60, by E. D. McKinney. Democrat Herald, 1858-59-'60, by W. A. Wortham. Sulphur Springs Gazette, established in 1865, W. A. Wortham editor and W. R. Hallum publisher; 1871, B. W. Foster and R. M. Henderson and B. W. Reilly publishers. Texas Ranger, December, 1866, B. W. Reilly; in 1867 by W. A. Wortham. The Vidette, established in 1868 by Vic Reinhardt; Rev. M. H. Neeley editor in 1873; Vic Reinhardt editor and publisher in 1874.

Van Zandt County—The Canton Times was published in 1859 by Sid S. Johnson and wound up before its volume was completed. The Canton Weekly News was published by A. W. Reilly, W. Manning, and others from 1872-3-4. The Canton Times was started in 1873 by a joint stock company consisting of a large number of persons, each of whom wanted an organ to play tunes to his own liking. It was edited by various parties till those who danced became unwilling to pay the fiddler when it ceased to exist. Tom Cooley was its last editor and publisher.

Kaufman County—The Kaufman Democrat was published in 1860-61 by J. B. and B. W. Reilly. It ceased to exist the first year of the War. J. B. Reilly started the Kaufman Inquirer in 1864, but it was of few days. The Texas Star made its appearance in 1865, about the "break up," and has been run during its existence



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as *The Star* or *The Kaufman Star*, B. J. Osborne, Green J. Clark, R. A. Hindman, H. W. Kyser, T. W. Clark, G. W. Clark, and J. T. Walker have been at various times its editors. It has been edited principally by Judge Green J. Clark and R. A. Hindman, who by articles upon immigration, etc., brought the county favorably before the public.

Henderson County—*The Athens Bulletin*, 1873. *The Athens Courier* issued its first number July 11, 1874, a Democratic journal, W. P. Hutchinson editor and proprietor; in 1874 Holman and Fowler succeeded as publishers. *The Farmer and Granger*, by Mrs. Anna Hutchinson, started and ended in 1874.

Cass County—*Linden Times*, 1859, by A. F. O'Neil. *The Reporter*, 1860, by O'Neil; in November, 1860, M. M. Mitchell became its editor.

Bowie County—*Texarkana Gate City News*, 1874, G. W. Valiant. *Democrat*, 1873-4, J. C. Bayne. *Journal*, 1874, H. S. Johnson.

Red River County—*The Northern Standard*, 1842, by Charles DeMorse, published till 1861 and then suspended; revived in July, 1865, and continued as the *Clarksville Standard*, and *The Standard*, to the present day. *The Clarksville Messenger*, published by Thomas & Darnell from 1855 till 1858 when the office was removed to McKinney. The editors and publishers were old line Whigs and Americans, and their paper was well edited and neatly published during its entire existence. *The Clarksville Times* was established by W. J. Swain in 1873; he went to the legislature and the paper has since been controlled by E. P. Rutherford as editor and Hamilton and Rutherford as publishers.

Lamar County—*The Frontier Patriot* was published at Paris by E. Julius Foster in 1855-6; it was moved to Sherman to be on the "Great Pacific Mail Route" which was in contemplation from Texas to California. *The Paris Press*, 1857, F. W. Miner editor and publisher; 1860, Miner and Crooks. *The Paris Advocate*, 1860; T. J. Crooks till 1861. *The Cosmopolitan* was published in 1869 till 1873 by S. W. DeWitt. *The Paris Press* established in 1863, published by W. H. Lewis, Lewis and Hilliard, and by Lewis and Hamner. *The Paris Enquirer*, established in 1869, A. P. Boyd editor and Thomas R. Newton publisher; 1871, A. H. Boyd publisher and E. L. Dohoney editor. *The Texas Vindicator* was started in March, 1857, by Richard Peterson and under his editorial management continued till March 31, 1871. A short while before its dissolution it was edited by James Walker, a spicy, dashing writer. *The North Texas* was established in 1869, E. L. Dohoney editor and A. H.



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Boyd publisher. The Chartist was published in 1872-3 by F. W. Miner; it was ably conducted, but started out on too large a scale and proved unprofitable; its career was short—only one year. Common Sense was the name of a small paper published in 1874 by Richard Peterson. Religious Messenger, a Baptist paper, established in 1874, Robert C. Buckner editor and publisher.

Fannin County—Bonham Advertiser, R. Hunt; 1857, J. A. Clark; 1858, L. C. DeLisle till 1861; sold to J. W. Campbell who changed the name to Review which was of short duration. The News, established in 1866; W. H. Ragsdale and W. A. Evans, 1869; T. R. Burnett and W. T. Gass in 1870; J. W. Piner and W. T. Gass in 1871; W. T. Gass in 1873; Piner and Chisholm in 1874. North Texas Enterprise, established in 1871, Tom R. Burnett and Jim Farr, and Burnett & Cox. Ladonia Enterprise, 1870, Tom R. Burnett. Ladonia Courier, August 17, 1874, J. W. Avera editor and publisher. Honey Grove Independent, T. B. Yarbrough editor and W. A. Crooks publisher, 1874.

Grayson County—The Advance Guard, at Sherman, 1868, Clay Wells and Tom Grant; it became the Grayson Monitor, 1859-60, J. B. Root publisher. The Sherman Patriot, by E. Julius Foster in June, 1858; it was sold to J. W. Whitaker, who published it for a short time when Foster took it back. The Patriot was continued as a Union paper in 1860-61, till the lever was torn out of the press and destroyed and Foster was compelled to suspend; subsequently he was murdered. Another Sherman Patriot was started by a Republican joint stock company in 1870, A. L. Darnell editor and The Patriot Printing Company publishers. The North Texas, 1859, Tom and Charles S. Grant, a Union journal, expired in 1861. The Temperance Banner, 1872-3, G. A. Cutler and R. J. Brockett. The Land Journal, 1872, North Texas Land Company publishers, G. A. Cutler editor; died in six months. The Courier, established in 1867, G. A. Dickerman; 1868, Dick Hopson publisher, Hare and Dickerman editors; 1873, Crooks and Dickerman, Crooks and James. The Register, 1873, Martin and Parker editors and publishers. Democrat, 1873, Brown and Thompson. The Red River Journal, first number with a red head, from Red River City, G. A. Cutler. The "Infant Wonder" had the Denison Journal, 1872, started by G. A. Cutler, who subsequently was associated with F. P. Baker and then sold out to him. The New South was published in 1873 by Dan Webster, who associated with himself T. W. Ham. \* \* \* The Denison Times succeeded and was for a time ably conducted by Dan Webster until a majority of the joint stock company owning it put F. P. Baker, an old Kansas editor, at the helm with N. R.



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Baker publisher. The Denison News, started by B. C. Murray, in 1873, who continued its publication for many a year.

Collin County—The Messenger was published at McKinney by James W. Thomas for nearly eighteen years—having for its motto, "Pledged but to truth, to liberty and law; no favor sways us, no fear can awe." It was a staunch Union journal, and since the War the entire office was destroyed by fire. The editor has acquired a reputation as an honest, conscientious man, of more value than 18-karat gold. The McKinney Enquirer was started in 1866 by Gresham & Murray, who soon disposed of their interests to John H. Bingham who continues its publication as an earnest and zealous Democratic journal. The Plano News, March, 1874, by J. C. Son and J. Routh, short lived.

Wise County—The Advance Guard was started in 1870 by Tom Bomar editor and Benjamin F. Galia publisher. 1873, W. J. Booth and A. E. Blythe editors and W. A. Bowen publisher.

Jack County—The Whiteman was published at Jacksboro in 1858-9 and '60 by Captain H. A. Hamner and Isaac R. Worrall; it was mainly edited by Hamner and it was bitter, vile and abusive toward Governor Sam Houston. In fact, the principal object of the paper was to make war upon the Indian policy of Houston and to break up the Indian reserve in Texas. The over-land stage line to California passing through this county from Sherman west gave it enlarged mail facilities, and being filled with sensational matter it had a large circulation in the frontier range. It was in a great part successful in destroying the reserves—going actively into the Secession movement. Hamner went into the service as an officer in the expedition to New Mexico. \* \* \* The Flea, a lively little—

(Editor's Note: The Author's manuscript, closing with a page, breaks abruptly at this point. The Editor has been unable to obtain from any source further data respecting this peculiarly named paper.)

Cooke County—The Gainesville Gazette, established in 1870 by Bailey and Hamilton; Bailey, Choice and Dodson editors and publishers. Vidette, Gainesville, 1868-9, by C. W. Reinhardt; thence, by the way of Pilot Point, moved to Sulphur Springs, Texas. Democrat established in 1873, M. V. B. Bennett editor and Bennett and Trask publishers; it soon played out, and Martin Van Buren Bennett returned to Kansas, where he holds high rank as a prohibition orator.

Parker County—The Weatherford News was the first paper in this county and was established in 1856 by C. A. Vanhorn, who sold out to D. O. Norton, its editor, who continued it through 1861. In 1862, Norton was arrested; and he died while Judge of the



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District Court, in 1867, of disease contracted in prison. The Texas Signet established in 1872 by Newton and Battle. The Times and Stock Journal established in 1868 by R. W. Duke; W. R. Graves publisher in 1874, succeeded by Garland. The Whiteman, 1861. Richey and Deavors. The Weatherford Post, October, 1870, by J. C. Stone and T. Low Garland.

Tarrant County—Western Express, Birdville, 1855, by Courtney until he was killed by Colonel A. G. Walker, editor of the Union. The Union, Birdville, 1857-9-'60, by Albert Gallatin Walker, a native of Virginia, who was State Senator and filled many positions and died in 1872. The Fort Worth Chief, in 1859-'60, by A. B. Norton; the hostility of the people, growing out of secession views, compelled its discontinuance after the hanging of Rev. Anthony Buley and Crawford; re-establishment in 1870-'71 by A. B. Norton. North Texas Epitomist, established in 1873 by Will H. Lawrence. Fort Worth Democrat, established in 1871 by a company of Democrats, R. R. Bibb publisher, J. W. Cleveland editor; it was controlled by a joint stock company; in 1872 B. B. Paddock editor and W. H. Graves publisher. The Standard, established in 1873, J. K. Millican & Co., with W. O. Stillman publisher.

Dallas County—The Weekly Herald was established in Dallas in 1849 by J. W. Latimer and Wm. Wallis, and was subsequently run by Latimer and J. W. Swindells; after the death of its founders, its principal editors till 1875: Dr. Charles R. Pryor, Virginius Hutchins in 1869-'70, Robert Josselyn in 1871-2, D. McCaleb in 1873-4, John Henry Brown and E. W. Baylor in 1875. Norton's Union Intelligencer issued its first number at The Owl's Nest in Dallas County in July, 1871, with the motto of Henry Clay, "Let us never despair of the American Republic;" and was very hopeful of the future, regarding Dallas as a good field for a promising young man to operate in. The Dallas Weekly News was started in 1872 by John G. Walker and E. W. Baylor and terminated its existence in 1873; it was a good newspaper, but not properly appreciated. The Texas Signet, February 13, 1874, by the Signet Publishing Company, Lee Newton editor with Mrs. Sue G. Newton as assistant; after a few months struggle with "the rum power" it struck out for the frontier. The Dallas Commercial, daily and weekly, established in 1874, G. A. Cutler, editor and proprietor.

Denton County—Denton Monitor, established in 1868, Charles W. Geers editor and publisher. Review, 1874, Teed and Bates. Texas Democrat, Pilot Point, M. V. B. Bennett and W. M. Connell. Pilot Point Citizen, 1874, John R. Miller editor and John W. Dale publisher.



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Galveston County—As heretofore stated Galveston had its first paper, *The Times*, by Ferdinand Pinckard. *The Civilian*, established by Hamilton Stuart in 1838, and published for a portion of its existence as the *Civilian and Gazette* by Stuart, Durnet & Co., H. Stuart & Co., with Menard, Brown, Cave, Murphy, and others associated editorially and in its publication. In the more prosperous times it was issued daily, tri-weekly and weekly; and then again only tri-weekly and weekly; then only weekly, as circumstances ordered; after a brief suspension it was revived by W. H. Pascoe. *The Galveston Commercial*, in 1838, by John S. Evans. *The Galveston News*, from a small weekly in 1842, grew into a mammoth journal with daily and tri-weekly issues and a widely extended circulation. *Die Union*, in the German language, was established by Mr. Moore and bought by Ferdinand Flake in 1857, and acquired a large circulation among the Germans throughout the country till the secession question came up for discussion; and Flake taking the Union side, his press and material were taken in the broad light of day and thrown into Galveston Bay, in January, 1861, causing *Die Union* to stop its issue during the frenzy of the times. Ferdinand Flake had been long a resident of Texas, sympathizing with the people, interested in the maintenance of the "domestic institution," being himself a slave holder, yet he adhered with tenacity to the National cause. Upon the termination of the War he re-established *Die Union* and continued its publication till his death. Flake's *Bulletin* was established by Ferdinand Flake in 1865 and was issued until his death, daily, tri-weekly, and weekly and had a very large circulation. It was Republican in politics and, about 1867, '68, '69, it was more sought after for news than any paper in Texas. There was a piquancy and freshness in its articles, and it had M. Whilden and a corps of writers and reporters unsurpassed in Texas journalism. Flake died suddenly at New London, Connecticut, July 18, 1872. A few months previous it had passed into a joint stock company and the paper ceased to exist. Selim Rinker, its business manager, by striking a balance sheet could readily tell all interested how much easier it is for a sought-after and topmost-round-of-the-ladder newspaper to make reputation than to make money. No coin was there left to rattle in his coffers. *The Port Folio* was a literary venture of F. D.



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Allen, supported by Joe A Kirgan, in 1857. It was issued semi-monthly, but with all its bright promise it did not survive the year. The Galveston Journal, in 1854. The Galveston Confederate was a handsome appearing and ably edited paper, published in 1855-56 by Waddill and Cherry and advocating the politics of the American party. The Texas Christian Advocate was established about 1858 as an organ of the Methodist Church and has at different times been edited and managed by I. D. Johns, Veal and Johns, and others. To escape the blockade, it was moved to Houston and there published during the War. About 1869 it was removed to Galveston. It has always had a large circulation, the Church being very strong in Texas. The Texas Post (German), established in 1869, has been about all its days conducted by O. and H. Dietzel. It issues daily, tri-weekly and weekly. The Bulletin, August 5, 1865, Ridge Paschal. The Galveston Spectator was established by Richard Nelson in 1871, advocating "equal rights for all men." The Galveston Standard was established by G. T. Ruby in 1871, and was issued in 1871-2-3 semi-weekly; it was a neat appearing journal. The Dispatch was started in 1869 by an association of printers and for a short time its issues appeared daily, tri-weekly and weekly. The Galveston Unabbangige (German), was established by J. H. Baker. The Galveston Mercury, issued daily and weekly in 1873 by J. H. Baker and J. H. Wilson; in politics a hermaphrodite. The Galveston Times, 1873, B. Rush Plumley editor, Times Publishing Co. publishers. The Galveston Republican, 1869, by W. T. Clark; it gasped its last in about half a dozen issues. The Galveston Medical Journal was published in 1866 by Greenville Dowell, M. D., editor and proprietor, monthly, forty-eight octavo pages at \$5.00 per annum.

Harris County—The Houston Telegraph, dating back to the earliest times, has had its history as fully sketched as our space will admit. It was revived after a short suspension, and under the management of one of its earliest printers, A. C. Gray, as publisher made a fine appearance. The Houston Republic was published in 1857-8-9-'60 by Captain Wm. A. Daily. It was a staunch advocate of General Sam Houston, and in opposition to the Convention Democracy. It was ably edited and well printed under the management of an honest, incorruptible old Texan. The Bayou City, a neutral in politics, was published in 1857. The Merchant's Transcript was published by W. N. Bryant & Co., in 1874. The Texas Christian Advocate and the Galveston News "camped" in Houston during the blockade and the time Galveston was occupied



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by the Federal forces. The Baptist Herald, established in 1869, has been for many years well handled by Rev. J. B. Link. The Houston Journal, by Diamond, Purdom & Co., in 1869, was a very handsome appearing paper. Its career was closed by the death of the Diamonds, who were very much mourned. The Volkstreund (in German), was established in 1869 by Derwerner; it was published for a time daily. The Houston Times was issued daily, tri-weekly and weekly in 1869-70 by Kinney, Clandon & Shott. After the death of Somers Kinney, its principal editor, it ceased to exist. The Houston Union, by J. G. Tracy and E. H. Quick, was established in 1869. It issued daily, tri-weekly and weekly editions until after the presidential election of 1872 when it was sold out to J. H. Baker, who changed its name and politics. The Houston Mercury was published but a few months in the city, under the management of Baker & Wilson, when it moved to Galveston. The Age was established in 1871, by Dan McGary, and has been published (by McGary & Hardcastle until in 1874), by S. W. Small. Texas Deutsche Zeitung, established in 1872, Hugo Lenham editor and publisher. Family Visitor, 1869, by B. T. Kavanaugh. The Temperance Family Visitor, established in 1871 by B. T. Kavanaugh. Houston Courier, born in September, 1872, Ashbel Smith editor, Dietzel, Barton & Co. publishers; a large and handsome Democratic daily and weekly, but survived only a few months. The Texas Presbyterian was published in Houston about two years. The Panopolist, an Old School Presbyterian paper, was published in 1856 by Rev. Jerome Twitchell.

Brazoria County—An account of the earlier papers, The Cotton Plant, Texas Republican, San Luis Gazette, having already been given somewhat at length, and The Democrat and Planter referred to, I will only say that after Cushing, W. F. Swain conducted this paper till Secession brought about the War, and it ceased to exist.

Fort Bend County—The paper first issued at Richmond was long published by Sidney Callender, who was afterwards a Mier prisoner, drew a white bean in the lottery of life, languished twenty-two months in Mexican prisons and returned home with his comrades and received with them an ovation from the people of his town and country. The earliest paper at Richmond having been sketched. I need only say that after years had passed by, the Richmond Reporter was edited in 1855-6 by R. H. Rawlins from Virginia. He was a good writer but he returned to that State. The Reporter was published till the War by Theo Noel. The Richmond Signal in 1855-6-7 by Ed Bailey. The Four Counties, established in



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1873 by J. M. Weston and C. E. Collins, as a newspaper for Brazoria, Fort Bend, Wharton and Matagorda, Henry Parnall editor and publisher in 1874.

Austin County—In addition to the early papers heretofore spoken of, were the following: The Texas Countryman was established in Bellville in 1859 by J. P. Osterhout; suspended during the War; revived in 1865, after which the office was moved to Hempstead and shortly after Osterhout moved to the frontier range, having been appointed Judge of the Bell District by Governor Davis. The Sunny South in 1870 by Sam Hayford. The Hempstead Courier was published in 1859-60-61. The Hempstead Courier re-established in 1874, Newman and Farr editors and publishers.

Waller County—The Countryman at Hempstead was published by Elliott and Beeman in 1869. The Hempstead Reporter in 1870, J. G. Rankin editor and publisher. The Messenger, established in 1871, E. Hieronymus editor and publisher.

Montgomery County—Montgomery Register, 1870, by W. T. Chalk & Co. The Montgomery Observer by G. W. Collins. The Willis Observer, 1874, G. W. Collins and M. C. Leslie editors and publishers.

Walker County—The Huntsville Banner was published in 1848. The Huntsville Item was established by George Robinson in 1850, and still lives. The Presbyterian was published in 1857. There was a paper, The Advocate, published by McCreary & Collins, about 1857-9, advocating the claims of General Houston. The Times was published by T. C. Caswell in 1869. The Union Republican was established in 1868 by M. H. Goddin and continued under the management of M. H. Goddin and W. H. Howard; and in 1872, by E. W. Brady to spasmodically throw off an issue till in the fall of that year it "shuffled off its mortal coil."

Grimes County—The Central Texan was published by Dr. D. C. Dickson at Anderson, in 1856-7-8-9-'60. The Texas Baptist was published in 1855, Rev. G. W. Baines editor. The Lone Star Ranger, by Captain Joseph Lancaster, at Navasota, in 1866-7-8-9-'70-1-2. The Central Texas Record, at Anderson, by Wilson & Lambers, in 1866-7. The Weekly Record suspended in October, 1867. The Weekly Tablet was published by Quesenbury in 1869; also, by Smith and Dawson and by John W. Callahan and P. A. Smith. The Gladiator was established at Anderson in 1869 by George M. Shipper. Our old friend, Joe A. Kirgan, regarding this as a good field for a promising young man to operate in, furnished



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a Home Journal in 1871, and subsequently changed the name to The Grimes County Journal.

Leon County—The Leon Pioneer was established at Centerville, about 1856, by Isaac and W. D. Woods; was published about three years. The Centerville Times was established by B. W. Cammer in 1859, and published in 1860 as The Texas Times. The Experiment was published in 1869-'70-1 by Johnson and Shipper. The Leon Lone Star in 1872, B. P. Patrick editor and proprietor. The Jewett Experiment, 1873.

Freestone County—The Fairfield Pioneer was published by W. L. Moody and J. L. Caldwell from 1856 till 1861, after the State's secession. It was revived after the War by J. Moreland, till 1867. The Pioneer was subsequently bought by J. W. Fishburn, who moved the office to the nearest railroad station and continued the paper as the Mexia Ledger, established 1869, J. W. Fishburn editor and proprietor.

Navarro County—Corsicana had its first paper, The Prairie Blade, a Whig and American exponent, in 1855-6-7, with D. E. Bartley and other good writers for its columns. The Corsicana Observer was established in 1865; R. A. Van Horn, Dan Donaldson, Wm. Croft, and L. T. Wheeler were principal conductors till 1874. The Missionary Baptist, established February 3, 1870, by Thomas H. Compere. The Independent was published by Judge J. M. Thurmond in January, 1872. The Navarro Banner, a Democratic sheet, was edited by Simpkins & Moore; lived during 1872. The Progressive Age (Republican), was published by Zadek & Taylor, and edited by John Flynn, in 1873. The office material subsequently was sold by Judge Thurmond and moved off to Groesbeck.

Ellis County—The Waxahachie Argus was established by J. D. Shaw, in 1866, who was succeeded in 1867 by Frank Templeton; in 1869 Cummins came into the concern. The office was then bought by H. H. Sneed and called The Democrat; and in 1871, under his influence, it advanced John C. Connor to Congress, when, his object having been accomplished, the office was sold to John B. Dale, who with L. J. Stroop continued its publication until 1873 when the office was sold and The Ellis County News appeared under the management of C. R. Gibson. L. J. Stroop for a time edited it at Waxahachie. Waxahachie Enterprise, 1869, C. R. Gibson editor, J. S. Hanes publisher. Texas Herald, 1875, W. W. Ledwith & Co. The Ennis Argus was established May 3, 1873, upon the ruins of the Weatherford Post, J. C. Rushing as editor and A. J. Rushing



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as publisher. Ellis County News, Ennis, 1874, by C. R. Gibson and L. J. Stroop; and then by Wm. Falconer, editor and publisher.

Johnson County—The Chronicle was established at Cleburne in 1868 by J. W. Graves, who for a short time had associated with him W. F. Wells. Graves, by close attention, built up a good, paying circulation.

Hill County—At Hillsboro, in 1859-'60, a paper was published under the management of J. P. Weir. Its career terminated with the commencement of the War. The only vestige of the office left in 1870 was the legs of the press standing in the street at the corner of Ratcliff's lot on the public square as a warning or sign-board to travelers. The type was said to have been mostly shot away and this put up as a sign; and thus ended the Express. Nevertheless, adventurous youths in 1871 conceived the idea of running the Hillsboro Expositor, and C. Dalton and Bond established and sold it in 1872 to C. G. Shook, who sold it to a joint stock company with L. J. Sturgis as editor. The Peoria Record, 1874, Sayers and Wood editors and publishers.

Limestone County—Springfield had a Pioneer issued from 1859 to 1860 by W. L. Moody and J. L. Caldwell. The Cumberland Presbyterian was established at Tehuacana in 1873 and edited by J. B. Renfro and J. H. Wofford; J. Dawson publisher. The Groesbeck Clarion, 1874, Mattison & George publishers; changed to Argus, Mattison & Frisbie editors and publishers. The Weekly Kosse Enterprise, established in 1869, by W. C. Tomlinson and L. M. Openheimer.

Robertson County—The Calvert Enterprise, established in 1869, by W. C. Tomlinson & Co. The Central Texan, established May 30, 1870, by R. H. Purdom; George Burck editor and publisher in 1874. The Calvert Tribune, 1870, by I. B. Ellison; in 1871 by a Republican association, P. W. Hall and Nat Caldwell editors. Farm and Home, an agricultural monthly, 1873, by Charles E. Brown & Co. Bremond Sentinel, 1874, B. W. Cammer.

Brazos County—The News-Letter, at Millican, 1867, by Wm. Lambdin & Co. The Bryan News-Letter, 1868-9, by Lambdin & Cunningham. Bryan Appeal, established in 1869 by Wm. Lambdin; in 1871, Evans & Smith publishers; since, R. J. Smith editor and Goodwin & Smith publishers. Brazos Eagle, 1869, R. R. Gilbert publisher.

Washington County—National Register, a large, elegantly printed and ably edited paper was published at Washington while the government of the Republic of Texas was there from 1842 to



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annexation in the winter of 1845. It was probably started in 1843. William H. Cushney, a first class printer from Georgia, was the publisher and W. D. Miller the editor. It exerted much influence. In 1839-'40-1, Warren J. Niles, of whom we have hitherto spoken, published a sprightly paper at Washington. The earlier papers of Washington county having been spoken of, we will enumerate those of a later date: A Methodist weekly paper, the first in the State for this denomination, was published at Brenham about 1846. Washington American, published in 1856-7 by G. W. Crawford. The Texas Ranger, at Brenham, 1857; in September, 1865, the office was moved by Captain Joe Lancaster to Navasota. The Brenham Enquirer, established in 1853; published in 1867-9 by D. H. Rankin; Prof. J. A. Willburn editor in 1871. The Brenham Times, established in 1871 by J. P. Malone editor, and Malone & Aspinwall publishers; subsequently by W. P. Doran editor and Pete Doyle publisher. The Southern Banner, established in 1865, and afterwards revived in March, 1867, by D. L. McGary and McGary & Roff, and by J. G. Rankin. The Texas Christian Herald, at Independence, in June, 1865, by J. Lancaster for the executive committee of the Baptist Association. The Intelligencer, published semi-weekly by Rucker & Co. Brenham News, 1869. Texas Volksbote (German), 1873, Henry Muller.

Milam County—The Milam Centinel, 1860, by E. H. Regan. The Cameron Centinel, 1869, by W. K. Homan. The Milam Telegram, 1870-1, W. K. Homan. The Milam Messenger, established at Rockdale in 1873, McGregor and James A. Muir.

Falls County—The Pioneer, at Marlin, established in 1869 by R. F. Mattison, Mattison & Rime publishers. The Telegram, established in 1870 by L. J. Goodrich editor and J. M. Mattison and Bailey publishers. The Mercury, established in 1870, B. F. Gassaway editor, B. W. Billings and B. V. Rimes publishers. The Moving Ball, 1874, by T. C. Oltoft. The Marlin Telegram, established January, 1872, by W. K. Homan.

McLennan County—Waco Democrat, February, 1858, J. O. Shook, who was brutally shot to pieces in his own office in 1860. The Statesman, published in Waco in 1857. The Southern, Waco, 1860. The South West, a mammoth paper, printed on a power press, in October, 1860, by W. H. Parsons, advocating a re-opening of the African slave trade, white supremacy, dissolution of the Union, etc. The Waco Spectator, May, 1866-7, by Parsons & DeRossy. The Waco Register, established in 1865, by F. L. Denison and Cooledge and continuously published by them and Denison &



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Chase and by W. R. Chase, most of the time as a semi-weekly. The Republican, in 1867, by E. A. McKinney. The Advance, established in 1867, Golledge & Tomlinson publishers. G. B. Gerald editor. The Examiner, established in 1867 by J. W. Downs; in 1869, by Downs and R. A. Hicks; 1874, Examiner and Patron by J. W. Downs. The Reporter, 1871, J. K. Street editor and proprietor.

Bosque County—The Meridian Press, 1869, by Bartow Starr. Bosque County Herald, Meridian, 1874, by Coon & Porter, and Coon, Thomas & Co.

Hood County—The Granbury Vidette, established November 30, 1872, by Bond & Garland publishers; in 1873, Garland & Lambdin, then Garland & Price.

Erath County—Texas Pacific, Stephenville, established November, 1871, by W. J. Brockett. Western Argus, 1871. Westward Empire, 1873, E. B. and G. F. Scott publishers.

Comanche County—Chief, Comanche, 1873, G. A. Beeman publisher.

Coryell County—Frontiersman, March, 1871, W. W. Patrick editor and publisher. Sun, Gatesville, established in 1870, J. M. Vandiver editor, Wells & Smith publishers; 1874, H. N. Atkinson & Schley.

Lampasas County—Charles A. Woolridge published a paper at Lampasas in 1859-'60. Dispatch, Lampasas, established 1871, W. S. Douglas editor and proprietor; 1872, Melton and H. D. Barron; 1874, W. P. Beale editor, Robert E. Owen publisher.

Burnet County—Bulletin, 1883, George Whitaker. Advertiser, 1874, Johnson & Hammond, an advertising sheet.

Bell County—The Belton Independent, established in 1859, E. W. Kinnan editor; an ably conducted paper devoted to Houston, the Constitution and the Union. The editor was forced to leave the country in 1861, made his way through Mexico, reached New York, and then went to Indiana where he was appointed a lieutenant in the Federal service. He died during the War. His wife, at last accounts, was in Ohio. The Belton Democrat, John Henry Brown editor and proprietor, established in 1859 and continued till 1861 when Brown went into the Indian Territory as a major in McCulloch's command. The Intelligencer, published in 1869, E. T. Rucker and Ludlow. The Journal, established in October, 1867, J. G. Batte editor; in 1869, J. H. Davenport and Tom Longino editors and publishers; 1870, J. H. Davenport and A. C. Ramsey; weekly and semi-weekly. Belton Review, 1874, L. C. Alexander editor, J. T. Longino & Co. publishers.



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Williamson County—The Georgetown Independent in 1857. The Watchman, established in January, 1867, W. H. Henderson and W. M. Makemson; and in 1869, published by W. K. Foster and Makemson. Williamson County Record, established by W. K. Foster in 1872; T. A. Stone for a few months was connected with him in its publication. Round Rock Sentinel, 1861, Nat Q. Henderson. Georgetown Sentinel, 1872, and discontinued in 1873. Democrat, 1874, A. S. Reed editor, W. K. Foster publisher.

Travis County—The Austin Gazette of 1839, and The Texas Centinel, established January, 1840, having already been sketched, I will briefly refer to other papers. When the government was re-established at Austin Wm. Cushney revived The Gazette and subsequently associated J. Wade Hampton of South Carolina with him as its editor and publisher. Washington O. Miller also for a time edited The Gazette. He immigrated from Alabama in 1839, was an accomplished scholar, settled first at Gonzales, was elected to the Congress of the Republic in 1840-1, and at the close of the session became private secretary to President Houston who esteemed him highly. After annexation he was secretary of state, after which he retired to a farm near Austin, residing with and sustaining a widowed sister until he died greatly lamented. He added lustre to the editorial profession. In the language of the lamented Ochiltree, applied to another, "His soul sprang from God, full of honor and despising meanness." Cushney and Hampton both died and were buried at Austin. The name of The Gazette has long been familiar at Austin. The State Gazette of more modern days was run from 1854 till 1861, and its most prominent owners and publishers were Major John Marshall, Dr. Joseph M. Steiner, Williamson S. Oldham, all of whom are now dead. They were men of energy, application and ability, and widely known as active organization Democratic partisans. During the War the paper for a time was suspended. In June, 1863, it was taken hold of by D. Richardson who continued it until a year after the break-up. He combined it with The Texas Almanac, a sort of war sheet, which he had been running occasionally from an office in Austin. In 1865, Holland & Co. were the publishers. In 1866, it was sold to Jo Walker and Nat C. Raymond who edited it. Jo Walker published it in 1867, and in 1868-9 it was published by Walker & Lane. The office was sold to the leading Republicans at Austin, who were after "chicken pie," and the type was put to use publishing articles counteracting those of the past. After a time another office was purchased and a State Gazette again entered the list under the guidance of John D. El-



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liott, Victor W. Thompson, et al., and Colonel Elliott continued to publish The State Gazette daily, tri-weekly and weekly. The Texas State Times a large and fine appearing paper was issued in 1855-6 by the American party and nobly advocated the cause. Colonel John S. Ford was its principal editor; W. D. Cleveland, J. H. Herndon and others contributed to its columns. The Texas Sentinel succeeded The State Times in 1857-8-9, under the editorial management of Judge Fenton M. Gibson; P. W. Humphreys and A. C. Compton its publishers and business managers. It was an ably conducted journal and had several strong contributors. Humphreys was an old Texan, belonging to the old Texas navy, was originally from Kentucky, a warm-hearted man. Judge Gibson was one of nature's noblemen, well educated, brave and generous. He came to Texas at an early date, was one of the ill fated Somerville expedition, a Mier prisoner, of all which he wrote a most interesting account. He died some years since, I believe at Richmond. In 1856, The Southern Intelligencer was started by Baker & Root, George W. Paschal chief editor. It acquired a wide circulation and in the contest of 1857 took bold ground against the convention system. Baker and Root were good printers and Paschal was an able writer. Baker died about 1859. Root is now publishing a paper in Alabama. A. B. Norton became proprietor, having Miner, Lambert and Perry as publishers. The Intelligencer contributed much to the election of General Sam Houston as governor, and during his administration sustaining his policy. A. B. Norton was then its editor and publisher, advocating the Union cause during the exciting days of 1860-1. Joel Miner who has already been spoken of as one of the early printers, went to Florida, thence to New England, and from there to Iowa, and finally returned to Texas spending several months with me at the Owl's Nest in 1875. Robert J. Lambert, a good printer and a brave young man, became a Confederate soldier and was killed during the War.

It becomes necessary to seek a more "healthful" latitude. Norton made his way through the lines, having first, to avoid suspicion, arranged for continuing the publication of The Intelligencer, and February 22, 1862, it ceased to exist. After the return of peace The Intelligencer again appeared, in 1866-7, with Brown & Foster as publishers. It was, in the fall of 1867, disposed of to a company of Republicans and The Austin Republican made its appearance; A. H. Longley & Co. were its publishers for about two years; it ceased to exist about 1871. The State Journal, a Republican paper, was established in 1870, by Tracy, Seimering & Co., and continued



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as a spirited daily, tri-weekly and semi-weekly until 1873 under the style of Jas. P. Newcomb & Co., when it ceased to exist. J. G. Tracy, E. H. Quick, E. M. Wheelock, J. P. Newcomb and Stanley Welch were its principal editors during its existence. The Rambler, a literary paper, was published in 1859-60 by Carleton. The Plow Boy, an agricultural journal, in 1868, by Nat C. Raymond. The Record, an independent, family newspaper, in 1868-9, by Jas. A. Foster. The Democratic Statesman was established in 1871 by an association of printers and managers by Anthony Deffenbaugh & Bros. Anthony Deffenbaugh came to Texas from Ohio as a soldier in the Revolutionary struggle; he was a good printer, having for long years worked at San Antonio and in western Texas. The office was disposed of about 1872, and continued by The Statesman Publishing Company. In 1873 it appeared under the management of John Caldwell & Co., publishers. The Commonwealth, 1873, by G. W. Honey and S. A. Posey, Texas Staats Zeitung, German, Republican paper, established in 1873, German Publishing Co., editors and publishers. Vorwaerts, German, Austin, established in 1871, Julius Schutze editor and proprietor. The Lone Star Ranger, established in 1848, J. Lancaster editor and proprietor; moved from Navasota to Austin in 1874.

Bastrop County—The Bastrop Advertiser was established March 16, 1853, by Wm. J. Cain, then from Aberdeen, Mississippi. Its publication was continued till after secession, during all of which time he advocated Whig and American principles and the Union cause. After the War terminated, the paper was revived and in 1867 it was published by W. J. and T. C. Cain and has since been a conservative or Democratic journal. W. J. Cain became captain of a company from Bastrop and was captured at Aransas Port. Disease incurred in the service eventually caused his death. He was for a time connected with the publication of the Texas Christian Advocate, and also with The State Gazette. His family resides in Bastrop and his brother, T. C. Cain, now publishes The Advertiser. We have never had in our fraternity a braver, truer friend, a man of purer thoughts, or a more worthy, industrious, upright gentleman than W. J. Cain of Bastrop. The Christian Philanthropist, by Dr. Kendrick, was published monthly in 1867; devoted to religious topics. Dr. Kendrick was one of the most learned and eloquent ministers in Texas. The Bastrop Chronicle was published in 1873 as a Republican and educational journal by Henry Muller. The Deutsche Zeitung, German, established in 1873, by Henry Muller and Von Boeckman.



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Lee County—The Giddings Tribune, 1874, J. W. Bell editor and publisher.

Fayette County—The True Issue, 1858, by J. J. Gossler; 1860, Rives. La Grange New Era. States Rights Democrat (or "Snakes," as called from its figure head), established in 1859, V. W. Thompson. New Era, commenced August 18, 1865, N. C. and W. C. Rives; James W. Matthews succeeded as editor; 1874, J. J. Gossler. States Rights Democrat, V. W. Thompson, 1867-9-'70, and then moved to Austin. Fayette County Record, 1873, D. C. Gregory.

Colorado County—The Citizen was established in 1857 by the Baker Bros., who conducted it ably and successfully until the War began. It was re-established in 1869 by Ben Baker and edited by F. Barnard; in 1871, edited by Wells, Thompson & McCormack. The South, May 18, 1865, by Baker and Morris. The Times was published by Jas. W. Daniels in 1869 and by G. T. Lessing in 1870.

Matagorda County—Its first paper heretofore mentioned, subsequently The Gazette, was published at Matagorda in 1859-'60, till in 1861 when it was discontinued; no paper issued there since the War. Edward J. Gilbert, an Englishman, published a paper at Matagorda in 1845-6. He moved to Bexar county and was a very worthy man.

Lavaca County—The Hallettsville Lone Star, in 1860-1. The Herald and Planter, at Hallettsville, in 1872. S. Lee Kyle editor and proprietor.

Victoria County—The Advocate, established in 1846 by John D. Logan and Thomas Sterne, was the first paper published west of the Colorado river in Texas. It was sold to S. A. White and continued by him till after secession; revived in 1865 and published by him till in 1869, then published by Boon & Rose; White & Boon, 1870; F. R. Pridham editor in 1873, and succeeded by J. A. McNeil. The Victoria Democrat, a German paper, also published by S. A. White for several years before the War, discontinued in 1867; 1873, E. D. Linn editor and McNeil & Singiser publishers. Rev. A. J. McGowan published a Cumberland Presbyterian paper at Victoria in 1846.

Calhoun County—The first Indianola Bulletin was issued in January, 1852, John Henry Brown editor and R. C. Brady publisher. It was continued by them till 1854, when the publisher's health failed and Brown went upon the Galveston Civilian as assistant of Hamilton Stuart. Indianola Bulletin, 1867; in 1876, C. A. Ogsbury issued it semi-weekly and continued it as a weekly.



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Indianola Times was started in December, 1865; edited and published by S. A. Benton at \$5.00 per annum. Indianola Courier, discontinued in 1861. Gulf Key, Lavaca, 1859 till in 1861. Lavaca Commercial, J. D. Elliott editor and proprietor, in 1866 D. B. Freeman & Co., 1867; H. S. Thrall, 1869.

Aransas County—The Rockport Transcript, 1869, C. F. Bailey editor and publisher.

Refugio County—The Vaquero, by Bailey and G. A. Beeman, at St. Mary's.

Goliad County—The Goliad Express, 1857, by A. M. Wigginton. The Messenger, 1859-'60. The Guard, published by R. W. Davis in 1869; in 1870, by Davis & King; 1874, by Davis & Tally. The Intelligencer, in 1869, by R. W. Pierce.

DeWitt County—The Clinton Times. The Cuero Star, 1873, James H. Tucker editor and publisher.

Gonzales County—The Inquirer was established at Gonzales in 1854, and under the management of S. W. Smith from 1857 to 1861 it became influential with its party. After the War it was revived and continued by S. W. Smith. The South Western Index was established in 1869, W. D. Cook editor, R. H. Small publisher.

Caldwell County—The Lockhart Watchman was published by E. H. Rogan from 1857 till in 1861. The Plow Boy, in 1869, by N. C. Raymond & Co. The Texas Digest, at Lockhart, in 1871, by W. D. Cory. The News Echo, in 1872-3, W. C. Bowen and W. F. Farris, editors and publishers; in 1874, by Steele & Bridges.

Hays County—The Pioneer at San Marcos, by George H. Snyder, in 1869. The West Texas Free Press, established in 1871, by Isaac H. Julian. San Marcos Times, 1871, F. G. Manlove editor, W. K. Hallums publisher.

Blanco County—The West Texas Republican, at Blanco, by Francis Sternburg, in 1872-3.

San Saba County—Weekly News, established in 1874, W. T. Melton and J. Frazer Brown editors and proprietors.

Gillespie County—The Sentinel, at Fredericksburg, in 1874, by Callan and Hunt.

Comal County—The Zeitung, established at New Braunfels, in 1852, and published the greater part of the time since by M. Lindheimer; Eiband succeeded as editor and publisher.

Guadalupe County—The Mercury, at Seguin, by M. S. Dunn, 1857 to 1861. The Southern Confederacy, Seguin, 1860-1. The Seguin Journal, in 1869, by Wright & Bro. The Western Texan. The Times, 1870, Wright & Stephenson.



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Bexar County—At San Antonio: The Western Texan, 1860, Henry Lewis editor, Nat Lewis and John D. Groesbeck proprietors. The Public Ledger, 1852, Walker & Vanderlipe. The Herald was established at San Antonio in 1854; during the greater part of its existence it has been published by John D. Logan and his associates. In 1859-'60, the firm was Palmer, Logan & Sweet; in 1873, J. D. Logan and J. Y. Dashiell; in 1874, Herald Publishing Company. News, 1861. The Ledger was published in 1857 by Dashiell; in 1867 J. M. Smith issued the Ledger tri-weekly. The Texan, 1857. After the Herald united its fortunes with the secessionists, it was determined by the friends of Governor Houston and the Union that there should be another paper started and they procured from The Intelligencer, at Austin, another press and outfit and The Alamo Express was started, J. P. Newcomb editor and publisher. The Alamo Express was vigorous and caustic, and a secession mob, inflamed thereat, surrounded the building, which belonged to Nat Lewis, and burned it, with the office, to the ground. The San Antonio Express, established in 1866, edited by A. Siemering; J. P. Newcomb, in 1872; J. W. Vanslyck, C. C. Gillespie, in 1873. The Frie Press (German), A. Siemering & Pollmar. The Texas Staats Zeitung, a German paper, was started in 1852 by August Oswald and edited by Dr. Douai—of which, and other papers and editors at San Antonio, we shall have more to say hereafter. The Evening Star, daily and weekly, E. M. Wheelock. El Mexicana de Texas, established in 1868, Calisto Munez editor and proprietor, Marcial Padilla publisher. The Freie Presse for Texas, established in 1865, A. Siemering & Co.

Atascosa County—The Stock Growers' Journal, at Pleasanton, by J. D. Logan & Co.; in 1874, Johnson & Lawhon editors, Lawhon & Bro., publishers.

Bee County—The Beeville Journal.

Live Oak County—The Oakville Tribune, 1874, W. C. Bowen and L. P. Lawley editors and proprietors.

Nueces County—The Nueces Valley, at Corpus Christi, in 1857, by Somers Kinney. The Nueces Valley, established in 1869; published in 1871 by C. G. E. Drummond. The Valley Times, 1869, Horace Taylor editor, Charles A. Beeman publisher. Advertiser, 1866, by H. A. Maltby. Gazette, established in 1873, H. A. Maltby editor, James R. Barnard & Son publishers. The Convention, 1867.

Caméron County—The Rio Grande Sentinel, 1866, by E. B. Scarborough. Fort Brown Flag, 1859-'60-1. The Ranchero, established October 22, 1859, by S. Kinney and H. S. Gallup; in 1867, Maltby



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& Kinney; in 1869, H. A. Maltby; since 1869, The Ranchero and Republican, as styled in 1865, Joel Mansur editor and publisher. The Sentinel, 1868, John S. Ford editor; James Dougherty subsequently editor and publisher. Rio Grande Courier, 1867, E. P. Clandon & Co. Rio Grande Democrat, 1874, by Democratic Club, H. A. Maltby business manager.

Webb County—The Two Eagles, at Laredo, in 1872, James S. Tucker, editor and publisher.

El Paso County—El Paso Gazette, 1860, by S. Hart. Sentinel, by A. J. Fountain, succeeded by Lewis Cardis, and then by S. Hart, in 1873, under whose treatment it died. A. J. Fountain, after serving as a senator, left when the Davis administration was overthrown and settled at Mesilla, New Mexico, where he now lives.



**REGULAR NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN TEXAS IN 1857,  
IN THE GREAT CAMPAIGN BETWEEN HOUSTON  
AND RUNNELS.**

**First Congressional District.**

Messenger, Woodville, Tyler County; Star Spangled Banner, Henderson, Rusk County; Sentinel, Rusk, Cherokee County; Reporter, Tyler, Smith County; Advocate, Palestine, Anderson County; American, Palestine, Anderson County; Herald, Dallas, Dallas County; Gazette, Liberty, Liberty County; Printer, Crockett, Houston County; Chronicle, Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County; Enquirer, Rusk, Cherokee County; Democrat, Henderson County; Republican, Marshall, Harrison County; Harrison Flag, Marshall, Harrison County; Herald, Jefferson, Marion County; Standard, Clarksville, Red River County; Messenger, Clarksville, Red River County; Advertiser, Bonham, Fannin County; Enquirer, Paris, Lamar County; Frontier Patriot, Paris, Lamar County.

Total: 7 American, 12 Democrat, and 1 Independent. All papers in the first district were weekly.

**Second Congressional District—Western Texas.**

Telegraph, Houston; Reporter, Richmond; Enquirer, Brenham; Democrat, Columbia; Central Texan, Anderson; Watchman, Lockhart; Herald, Lavaca; Prairie Blade, Corsicana; Advocate, Victoria; Inquirer, Gonzales; Bayou City, Houston; Ranger, Washington; American, Washington; Item, Huntsville; State Gazette, Austin; Intelligencer, Austin; Advertiser, Bastrop; Bulletin, Indianola; Express, Goliad; Mercury, Seguin; Texan, San Antonio; Herald, San Antonio; Zeitung, San Antonio; True Issue, La Grange; Flag, Brownsville; Nueces Valley, Corpus Christi; News, Galveston; Die Union, Galveston; Port Folio, Galveston; Zeitung, New Braunfels; Chronicle, Matagorda; Leon Pioneer, Centerville; Statesman, Waco; Civilian, Galveston; Confederate, Galveston; Texan Baptist, Anderson; Presbyterian, Huntsville; Christian Advocate, Methodist, Galveston.

Of the above, 27 were Democratic, 6 American, 2 Independent, 1 Literary. The Houston Telegraph and Galveston News were weekly and tri-weekly; The Galveston Civilian and The Confederate were weekly and semi-weekly.



## PAPERS PUBLISHED IN 1862.

During the War of the Rebellion, the greater part of the newspapers suspended. The following it is believed comprises the names of all the papers that were published in January, 1862, viz:

In the East and North—San Augustine Express, Palestine Advocate, Tyler Reporter, Marshall Republican, Jefferson Herald and Gazette, Clarksville Standard, Paris Press, Paris Advocate, Sherman Texian, McKinney Messenger, Weatherford Whiteman, Dallas Herald.

In the West and South—Huntsville Item, Galveston News, Galveston Civilian, Houston Telegraph, Bellville Countryman, Washington Ranger, Waco South West, Norton's Southern Intelligencer, State Gazette, San Antonio Herald, San Antonio News, Goliad Messenger, Victoria Advocate, Gonzales Inquirer, Seguin Confederacy, Fort Brown Flag.

The number soon dwindled down to eight or ten, and scarcely any of them kept consecutive issues. The value of printing paper became obvious to all; and some papers of the period were published on fool's cap paper, wrapper paper, tea paper, and wall paper—paper of every shade and hue was used, being bought at enormous war prices. Bulletins were issued upon scraps of every kind, and people, thirsting and famishing for news, were mighty glad to get anything of printed character.



## PAPERS PUBLISHED IN 1867.

After the War terminated, newspapers multiplied and increased and in 1867 the following regularly published newspapers were in existence within the limits of the first and second Congressional Districts:

### In East Texas.

Liberty Gazette, Dem., T. J. Chambers, Liberty; Crockett Sentinel, Dem., A. D. Elam & Co., Crockett; Argus, Dem., Joe A. and E. M. Kirgan, Livingston; Red Land Express, Dem., McClanahan & Pluckett, San Augustine; Nacogdoches Chronicle, Dem., Wm. Clark, Nacogdoches; Trinity News, Dem., W. F. Hamilton & Co., Palestine, Trinity Advocate, Dem., McClure & Ewing, Palestine; Henderson Times, Dem., J. M. Dodson, Henderson; Texas Observer, Dem., D. A. Veitch and L. H. Reed, Rusk; Harrison Flag; Dem., W. G. Barrett, Marshall; Texas Republican, Dem., R. W. Loughery, Marshall; Jimplecute, Dem., Taylor & Morgan, Jefferson; Norton's Union Intelligencer, Rep., Jefferson; Clarion, Dem., Jefferson; Times, Dem., R. W. Loughery and A. D. McCutchen, Jefferson; Christian, Dem., Jefferson; Christian Companion, Bapt., J. R. Clark, Jefferson; Jefferson Register, Presb., Carper & Chadwick, Jefferson; Sentinel, Gilmer; Tribune, Irvin Cowsar, Gilmer; Quitman Clipper, A. P. and E. D. Shuford, Quitman; Reporter, Dem., W. F. Hamilton & Co., Tyler; Journal, Tyler; National Index, Rep., Tyler; Paris Press, Rep., F. W. Miner, Paris; Texas Star, Dem., H. W. Kyser, Kaufman; McKinney Enquirer, Dem., Gresham & Murray, McKinney; McKinney Messenger, Rep., J. W. Thomas, McKinney; Times, Dem., Weatherford; Herald, Dem., J. W. Swindells, Dallas.

### In Western Texas.

News, Dem., W. Richardson & Co., Galveston; Civilian and Gazette, Dem., H. Stuart, Galveston; Bulletin, Dem., Ferdinand Flake, Galveston; Herald, Bapt., Rev. J. B. Link, Houston; Telegraph, Dem., Rev. C. C. Gillespie, Houston; Journal, Dem., Diamond, Purdom & Co., Houston; Merchants' Transcript, Dem., W. N. Bryant & Co., Houston; Christian Advocate, Meth., I. D. John, Houston; Signal, Dem., Ed Bailey, Richmond; Texas Countryman, Dem., J. P. Osterhout, Bellville; New Era, Dem., N. C. and W. B. Rives, La Grange; Bastrop Advertiser, Dem., W. J. and T. C. Cain,



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Bastrop; States Rights Democrat, Dem., Victor W. Thompson, La Grange; Christian Philanthropist, Religious, Dr. C. Kendrick, Bastrop; Colorado Citizen, Dem., J. D. Baker & Bros., Columbus; Brenham Enquirer, Dem., D. H. Rankin, Brenham; Southern Banner, Dem., McGary & Roff, Brenham; Texas Ranger, Dem., Jos. Lancaster, Navasota; Semi-Weekly Register, Rep., Denison & Chase, Waco; Republican, Dem., E. A. McKinney, Waco; Item, Dem., George Robinson, Huntsville; Central Texas Record, Dem., W. Lambert, Anderson (Grimes County); Southern Intelligencer, Rep., Brown & Foster, Austin; State Gazette, Dem., Joe Walker, Austin; Inquirer, Dem., S. W. Smith, Gonzales; Intelligencer, Dem., R. W. Pierce, Goliad; Zeitung (German), Dem., M. Lindheimer, New Braunfels; Western Texian, Dem., Seguin; Pioneer, Dem., J. Moreland, Fairfield; Observer, Dem., Dan Donaldson, Corsicana; Commercial, Dem., D. B. Freeman & Co., Lavaca County; Times, Dem., S. A. Benton, Indianola (Calhoun County); Advocate, Dem., James S. Ferguson, Victoria; Advertiser, Dem., W. H. Maltby, Corpus Christi; Ledger, Dem., T. M. and W. J. Smith, San Antonio; Herald, Dem., Logan & Sweet, San Antonio; Express, Rep., Siemering & Pollmar, San Antonio; Freie Presse, German, Siemering & Pollmar, San Antonio; Rio Grande Courier, Dem., E. R. Claudon & Co., Brownsville; Ranchero, Dem., Maltby & Kinney, Brownsville; Times, Dem., Brownsville; Lone Star, Dem., Navasota; Convention, Dem., Corpus Christi.

Summary for East Texas—Democratic, 21; Republican, 6; Religious, 2. No daily, and only one semi-weekly, The Jimblecute.

Summary for West Texas—Democratic, 37; Republican, 3; Religious, 3. Dailies: Telegraph and Journal, Galveston Civilian and Gazette, Galveston News, Flake's Bulletin, Brownsville Courier and Ranchero, San Antonio Herald. Semi-Weekly: Waco Register. Tri-Weekly: State Gazette, San Antonio Ledger, Galveston News, Galveston Civilian and Gazette, Flake's Bulletin, Houston Telegraph, Houston Journal.



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- Anderson**—Home Journal, Joe A. Kirgan.
- Athens**—Bulletin, C. W. Hutchinson; Farmer and Granger, Mrs. A. E. Hutchinson.
- Austin**—State Gazette, J. D. Elliott; Democratic Statesman; Caldwell & Walker; Staats Bulletin, C. Von Boeckman & Son.
- Bastrop**—Advertiser, T. C. Cain.
- Brenham**—Volksblatt, Henry Muller; Banner, John G. Rankin.
- Belton**—Journal, J. G. Bates, Review.
- Bonham**—News, W. T. Gass; North (Texas) Enterprise, Tom R. Burnett.
- Brownsville**—Democrat (English and Spanish), Democratic Committee; Ranchero, J. L. Mansur.
- Bryan**—Appeal, Goodwin & Smith.
- Bremond**—Sentinel, R. R. Gilbert.
- Burnet**—Bulletin.
- Calvert**—Central Texas (Texan), J. W. Billington & Co.; Farm and Home, C. E. Brown & Co.
- Clarksville**—Standard, Charles DeMorse; Times, E. P. Rutherford.
- Cleburne**—Chronicle, J. W. Graves.
- Comanche**—Chief, Beeman & Hill.
- Corpus Christi**—Valley Times, H. Taylor & Beeman; Gazette, Jas. R. Bernard & Son.
- Corsicana**—Observer, R. A. Van Horn.
- Columbus**—Citizen, Ben Baker.
- Crockett**—East Texas Herald, Leaverton & Ledwith.
- Cuero**—Star.
- Dallas**—Union Intelligencer, A. B. Norton; Herald, J. W. Swindells; Commercial, G. A. Cutler.
- Decatur**—Advance-Guard, Stanfield & Robinson.
- Denison**—News, B. C. Murray; Times, N. R. Baker.
- Denton**—Monitor, C. W. Geers; Review, Geo. R. Teed.
- Ennis**—Argus, J. C. Rushing.
- Fort Worth**—Democrat, B. B. Paddock; Standard, J. K. Millican.
- Fredericksburg**—Sentinel, Wachtenblat.
- Galveston**—News, Richardson, Belo & Co., Civilian; W. P. Pascoe; Christian Advocate, Advocate Publishing Co.; Mercury, J. H. Baker; Times, Loughery & Van Horn; German Gazette, Erhardt & Aiters; Diocese of Texas, Episcopal Church; Post (German), H. Deitzel & Co.



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- Gainesville**—Gazette, Bailey, Choice & Dodson.  
**Gatesville**—Sun.  
**Greenville**—Herald, H. E. Monroe.  
**Giddings**—Tribune.  
**Georgetown**—Democrat, A. S. Reed; Record, W. K. Foster.  
**Goliad**—Guard, Davis & Talley.  
**Gonzales**—South Western Index, W. D. F. Cook; Inquirer, S. W. Smith.  
**Granbury**—Vidette, Bond & Garland.  
**Hallettsville**—Herald and Planter, S. Lee Kyle.  
**Hallville**—News, C. L. Martin.  
**Henderson**—Times, W. W. Spivey.  
**Hempstead**—Courier, Newman & Farr; Messenger, Riddle & Hieronymus.  
**Houston**—Telegraph, A. C. Gray; Baptist Herald, J. B. Link; Age, Small & Hardcastle; Texas German Gazette, Hugo Lehman.  
**Huntsville**—Item, George Robinson.  
**Hillsboro**—Expositor.  
**Indianola**—Bulletin, C. A. Ogsbury.  
**Jacksonville**—Intelligencer.  
**Jasper**—Newsboy, J. Caraway; Democrat, E. I. Kellie; Baptist —.  
**Jefferson**—Jimplecute, Taylor, Morgan & Co.; Leader, W. Y. Leader.  
**Kaufman**—Star, G. W. Clark.  
**Ladonia**—Courier.  
**LaGrange**—New Era, J. I. Gossler; Record, Gregory & Phelps.  
**Laredo**—Two Eagles, J. H. Tucker & Co.  
**Lockhart**—News Echo, Farris & Bowen.  
**Longview**—New Era.  
**Marlin**—Moving Ball, T. C. Oltorf.  
**Marshall**—East Texas Bulletin, H. Hamments.  
**McKinney**—Enquirer, J. H. Bingham.  
**Mexia**—Ledger, J. W. Fishburn.  
**Mineola**—Texas Citizen, J. R. Ward.  
**Navasota**—Tablet, P. A. Smith.  
**New Braunfels**—Zeitung, A. Eiband.  
**Oakville**—Tribune.  
**Palestine**—Trinity Advocate, Ewing & Hunter; New Era, T. J. Chambers.  
**Paris**—Press, Lewis & Hamner; North Texan, E. L. Dohoney; Religious Messenger, R. C. Buckner.  
**Plano**—News, Son & Routh.  
**Pleasanton**—Stock Journal, J. D. Logan & Co.



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- Richmond**—Four Counties, Dr. Henry Parnall.  
**Rockdale**—Milam Messenger, McGregor & Muir.  
**Rockport**—Transcript, C. F. Bailey.  
**Rusk**—Observer, Jackson & Wilson.  
**Salado**—News Letter, E. W. Billings.  
**San Antonio**—Herald, Herald Publishing Co.; Express, Siemering & Co.; Freie Presse Fuer Texas, Siemering & Co.  
**San Marcos**—Free Press, I. H. Julian.  
**San Saba**—News, Melton & Millican.  
**Seguin**—Guadalupe Times, S. Wright & Son.  
**Sherman**—Courier, Crooks & James; Patriot, A. L. Darnall; Register, Martin & Stockton.  
**Sulphur Springs**—Gazette, B. W. Reiley; Temperance Vidette, Vic Rheinhardt.  
**Stephenville**—Western Empire, E. B. and S. F. Scott.  
**Terrell**—Press, J. T. Walker.  
**Texarkana**—Gate City News, J. C. Bayne; Democrat.  
**Tyler**—Reporter, D. C. Williams & Co.; National Index, H. C. Hunt & Co.; Democrat, L. H. Beaird.  
**Victoria**—Advocate, E. D. Linn.  
**Weatherford**—Times, Duckett & Tucker.  
**Waxahachie**—Ellis County News, C. R. Gibson.  
**Waco**—Examiner and Patron, J. W. Downs; Register, W. R. Chase; Advance, G. B. Gerald; Texas Odd Fellow, J. K. Street.



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| <b>Abilene</b> , Reporter.                | <b>Bellville</b> , Austin County Times.  |
| News.                                     | Standard.                                |
| <b>Albany</b> , News.                     | <b>Belton</b> , Journal.                 |
| <b>Alexander</b> , Tribune.               | Reporter.                                |
| Free Lance.                               | <b>Bennet</b> , New Era.                 |
| <b>Anderson</b> , Evening Star.           | <b>Big Spring</b> , Pantagraph.          |
| <b>Anson</b> , Texas Western.             | <b>Black Jack</b> , Post.                |
| <b>Aquilla</b> , Gospel Flame.            | <b>Blanco</b> , News.                    |
| <b>Atlanta</b> , Citizens Journal.        | Star Vindicator.                         |
| <b>Arlington</b> , World.                 | <b>Blossom Prairie</b> , Bee.            |
| <b>Aurora</b> , Tyler's News.             | <b>Boerne</b> , Advance.                 |
| <b>Athens</b> , Athenian.                 | Republikaner.                            |
| Review.                                   | <b>Bonham</b> , Christian Messenger.     |
| <b>Austin</b> , Dispatch.                 | News.                                    |
| Statesman.                                | Review.                                  |
| Sun.                                      | Farmers' Record.                         |
| Texas Siftings.                           | <b>Bowie</b> , Cross Timbers.            |
| Texas Weekly.                             | Exchange.                                |
| Southern Homeopathic Pellet.              | <b>Bracket</b> , News.                   |
| South Western Poultry Raiser.             | <b>Brady</b> , Sentinel.                 |
| Mail.                                     | <b>Breckenridge</b> , Texan.             |
| El Espectador Mexicana.                   | <b>Brazoria</b> , Independent.           |
| Sunday Avalanche.                         | Pioneer.                                 |
| Texas Vorwarts.                           | <b>Brenham</b> , Banner.                 |
| Wochenblatt.                              | Texas Volksbote.                         |
| Texas Churchman.                          | Texas Staats Zeitung.                    |
| State Journal.                            | Business Bulletin.                       |
| Record.                                   | <b>Brownsville</b> , Cosmopolitan.       |
| Musical Home and Literary                 | Times.                                   |
| Journal.                                  | Plain Talk.                              |
| Sunday Tidings.                           | <b>Brownwood</b> , Bulletin.             |
| Daniel's Medical Journal.                 | Brown County Banner.                     |
| Texas University.                         | <b>Bryan</b> , Brazos Pilot.             |
| <b>Baird</b> , Callahan County Clarendon. | Enterprise.                              |
| <b>Bandera</b> , Bugle.                   | Temperance Banner.                       |
| Enterprise.                               | Star and Crescent.                       |
| <b>Bastrop</b> , Advertiser.              | Blade.                                   |
| <b>Beaumont</b> , Enterprise.             | <b>Burkville</b> , Newton County Record. |



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| <b>Burnet</b> , Bulletin.            | Bible Advocate.                     |
| Once-A-Week.                         | Methodist Protestant.               |
| <b>Caldwell</b> , Register.          | Texas Prairie.                      |
| News.                                | Democrat.                           |
| <b>Calvert</b> , Courier.            | <b>Cotulla</b> , Ledger.            |
| Seven Mansions.                      | <b>Crawford</b> , Yeoman.           |
| Conservative.                        | <b>Crockett</b> , Texas Patron.     |
| Criterion.                           | <b>Cuero</b> , Bulletin.            |
| <b>Cameron</b> , Herald.             | Herald.                             |
| Milam County Democrat.               | Dur Deutsche.                       |
| <b>Canton</b> , Telephone.           | Star.                               |
| <b>Carrizo Springs</b> , Times.      | <b>Daingerfield</b> , Morris County |
| <b>Carthage</b> , Panola Watchman.   | Herald.                             |
| <b>Center</b> , Laborer's Champion.  | <b>Dallas</b> , Intelligencer.      |
| <b>Centerville</b> , Democrat.       | News.                               |
| <b>Chico</b> , Bee.                  | Home and Sunday School.             |
| Times.                               | Liquor Dealers' Journal.            |
| <b>Cisco</b> , Round-Up.             | Sunny Clime.                        |
| <b>Clarendon</b> , Northwest Texan.  | Texas Volksblatt.                   |
| <b>Clarksville</b> , Times.          | Herald of Truth.                    |
| Standard.                            | Texas Plowman and Estray            |
| <b>Cleburne</b> , Telegram.          | Record.                             |
| True Democrat.                       | The Texas Baptist.                  |
| Chronicle.                           | Times.                              |
| News.                                | Living Issue.                       |
| <b>Clifton</b> , Sentinel.           | Mercury.                            |
| <b>Coleman</b> , Voice.              | Texas Labor News.                   |
| <b>Collinsville</b> , Times.         | Colored Methodist.                  |
| <b>Colorado</b> , Clipper.           | Texas Farm and Ranch.               |
| Sunday Graphic.                      | Prohibition Advocate.               |
| <b>Columbus</b> , Colorado Citizen.  | Baptist Preacher.                   |
| <b>Comanche</b> , Chief.             | Sun.                                |
| <b>Cooper</b> , Delta County Banner. | Tarantula.                          |
| Courier.                             | Texas Dental Journal.               |
| <b>Corn Hill</b> , Express.          | Dept. Mill Gin.                     |
| Clipper.                             | Herald.                             |
| <b>Corpus Christi</b> , Critic.      | <b>Del Rio</b> , Dot.               |
| Caller.                              | <b>Decatur</b> , Democrat.          |
| <b>Corsicana</b> , Courier.          | Post.                               |
| Observer.                            | Tribune.                            |
| Journal.                             | Wise County Messenger.              |



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| <b>Denison</b> , Evening Journal. | Texas Rail and Wire.                     |
| Gate City.                        | Texas Courier-Record of                  |
| Herald News.                      | Medicine.                                |
| Sunday Gazetteer.                 | Gazetteer.                               |
| <b>De Leon</b> , Messenger.       | Stolen List.                             |
| <b>Denton</b> , Chronicle.        | Sunday Mirror.                           |
| Post.                             | Youth and Age.                           |
| Monitor.                          | Farmersville. Times.                     |
| Dentonian.                        | <b>Flatonia</b> , Argus.                 |
| <b>Deport</b> , Red Man.          | <b>Floresville</b> , Western Texas       |
| <b>Dodd City</b> , Spectator.     | Chronicle.                               |
| <b>Dublin</b> , Enterprise.       | <b>Forney</b> , Register.                |
| Telephone.                        | New Century.                             |
| <b>Duck Creek</b> , Rustler.      | <b>Fort Davis</b> , Apache Rocket.       |
| <b>Eagle Pass</b> , Journal.      | Presidio County News.                    |
| Maverick.                         | <b>Franklin</b> , Paper.                 |
| <b>Eastland</b> , Headlight.      | <b>Fredericksburg</b> , Fredericksburger |
| Anchor.                           | Wochenblatt.                             |
| <b>Elgin</b> , Times.             | <b>Galveston</b> , Civilian.             |
| <b>Edna</b> , Progress.           | Die Texas Post.                          |
| <b>Ennis</b> , Recorder.          | Evening Record.                          |
| Saturday Review.                  | News.                                    |
| Ellis County Trumpet and          | Opera Glass.                             |
| Texas Emigrationist.              | Farmer.                                  |
| <b>El Paso</b> , Times.           | South Western Poultry Jour-              |
| Lone Star.                        | nal.                                     |
| International Live Stock,         | Labor Advocate.                          |
| Land and Mining Journal.          | Texas Christian Advocate.                |
| Sunday Herald.                    | Silk Culturist and Home                  |
| <b>Fairfield</b> , Recorder.      | Journal.                                 |
| <b>Fort Worth</b> , Democrat.     | Merchant and Manufacturer.               |
| Gazette.                          | Evening Tribune.                         |
| Evening Mail.                     | Texas Monitor.                           |
| Trade Review.                     | <b>Gainesville</b> , Hesperian.          |
| Merchant and Manufacturer.        | Times.                                   |
| Free Mason.                       | Cook County Independent.                 |
| Methodist Advocate.               | Register.                                |
| Labor Siftings.                   | <b>Garrett</b> , Morris Breeze.          |
| Texas Commercial.                 | <b>Gatesville</b> , Advance-Sun.         |
| Texas Live Stock Journal.         | Star.                                    |
| Texas Methodist.                  | <b>Georgetown</b> , Williamson County    |
|                                   | Sun.                                     |



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| <b>Giddings</b> , Advocate.                | Post.                                 |
| <b>Gilmer</b> , Texas Mirror.              | Magnolia.                             |
| <b>Glen Rose</b> , Citizen.                | Labor Echo.                           |
| <b>Goliad</b> , Guard.                     | National Reformer.                    |
| <b>Goldthwaite</b> , Mountaineer.          | Sunday Morning Caller.                |
| <b>Gordon</b> , Courier.                   | Texas Deutsche Zeitung.               |
| <b>Gonzales</b> , Inquirer.                | Railway Traveler.                     |
| Gazette.                                   | School Journal.                       |
| <b>Graham</b> , Young County News.         | Houstoner Anzeiger.                   |
| Leader.                                    | <b>Henrietta</b> , Texas Independent. |
| <b>Granbury</b> , Graphic.                 | <b>Hubbard City</b> , News.           |
| News.                                      | <b>Huntsville</b> , Item.             |
| <b>Greenville</b> , Appeal.                | <b>Itasca</b> , Signal.               |
| Banner.                                    | <b>Jacksboro</b> , Rural Citizen.     |
| Herald.                                    | <b>Jacksonville</b> , Intelligencer.  |
| <b>Groesbeck</b> , Limestone New Era.      | <b>Jasper</b> , Newsboy.              |
| <b>Hallettsville</b> , Herald and Planter. | <b>Jewett</b> , Messenger.            |
| <b>Hamilton</b> , Herald.                  | <b>Jefferson</b> , Jimplecute.        |
| <b>Hardeman</b> , Mirror.                  | Wide-Awake.                           |
| Times.                                     | Iron News.                            |
| <b>Haskell City</b> , Free Press.          | <b>Kaufman</b> , Sun.                 |
| <b>Hemphill</b> , Reporter.                | <b>Junction City</b> , Clipper.       |
| <b>Hempstead</b> , Leader.                 | <b>Kerens</b> , Light.                |
| Advocate.                                  | <b>Kerrville</b> , Eye.               |
| Seven Mansions.                            | <b>Kyle</b> , Hayes County News.      |
| <b>Henderson</b> , Rusk County News.       | <b>Kosse</b> , Cyclone.               |
| Times.                                     | <b>Kingston</b> , Chronicle.          |
| Educator.                                  | <b>La Grange</b> , Journal.           |
| <b>Hico</b> , Reporter.                    | Svoboda.                              |
| Commercial.                                | <b>Lampasas</b> , Commercial.         |
| Courier.                                   | Enterprise.                           |
| <b>Hillsboro</b> , Hill County Visitor.    | Christian Citizen.                    |
| Mirror.                                    | Eagle.                                |
| <b>Hondo City</b> , Medina County          | Dispatch.                             |
| News.                                      | Local Preacher.                       |
| <b>Honey Grove</b> , Independent.          | Paper.                                |
| Simoon.                                    | <b>Laredo</b> , El Horizonte.         |
| Herald.                                    | Times.                                |
| <b>Houston</b> , Age.                      | Diputado.                             |
| Chronicle.                                 | <b>Lewisville</b> , Headlight.        |
| Herald.                                    | <b>Linden</b> , Cass County Sun.      |
| Journal.                                   |                                       |



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- Liberty, Observer.
- Little Elm, Investigator.
- Llano, Rural.
- Lockhart, Register.
- Lone Oak, Call.
- Longview, Democrat.
- Surprise.
- Texas New Era.
- Gregg County Clarion.
- Luling, Wasp.
- Signal.
- McKinney, Black Waxey.
- McGregor, Plain Dealer.
- Marienfield, News.
- Madisonville, Journal.
- Marlin, Ball.
- Prohibition Advocate.
- Marshall, Herald.
- Messenger.
- South.
- Mason, News.
- Meridian, Independent Blade.
- Real Estate Journal.
- Mesquite, Mesquiter.
- Mexia, Ledger.
- Texas Observer.
- Trade Journal.
- Midland, Staked Plains.
- Midlothian, News.
- Milsap, Press.
- Mineola, Monitor.
- Mobeetie, Panhandle.
- Montague, Northwest.
- Mineral Wells, Herald.
- Pilot.
- Moody, Monitor.
- Moscow, East Texas Pinery.
- Mt. Pleasant, Texas and St.
- Louis News.
- Mt. Vernon, Franklin Herald.
- Nacogdoches, News.
- Star.
- Navasota, Tablet.
- News.
- New Boston, Herald.
- New Braunfels, Zeitung.
- Post.
- Orange, Tribune.
- Overton, Sharpshooter.
- Palestine, Advocate.
- East Texas News.
- Palo Pinto, Star.
- Pearsall, News.
- Sun.
- Paris, Free Tongue.
- Lamar County News.
- Texas Balance Wheel.
- Texas Sunday School Worker.
- North Texan.
- Tribune.
- Pleasanton, Monitor.
- Pecos, Star.
- Pilot Point, Index.
- New Era.
- Pittsburg, Gazette.
- Plano, Review.
- Quitman, Mail.
- Richmond, Nation.
- Opinion.
- Roanoke, Telephone.
- Rockdale, Messenger.
- Rockport, Transcript.
- Rockwall, Success.
- Robinson, Advocate of Holiness.
- Round Rock, Quid Nunc.
- News.
- Runnels, Record.
- Eagle.
- News.
- Rusk, Cherokee Standard.
- Sabine Pass, Times.
- St. Jo, Times.
- Herald.



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- San Angelo**, Tom Green Enter-prise.  
 Standard.  
**San Augustine**, Herald.  
 Saxon.  
**San Diego**, El Progresso.  
 El Pueblo.  
**San Antonio**, Light.  
 Express.  
 Times.  
 Freie Presse Fuer Texas.  
 Der Reobachter.  
 Church Record of Western Texas.  
 Texas Stockman.  
 Merchant and Manufacturer.  
 South West.  
 Figaro.  
**San Marcos**, Free Press.  
**San Saba**, News.  
**Savoy**, Platonian.  
 Messenger.  
**Schulenburg**, Gossip.  
**Sealy**, Austin County Commoner.  
**Seguin**, Times.  
**Sherman**, Courier.  
 Democrat.  
 Register.  
**Seymour**, Crescent.  
**Spanish Fort**, New Era.  
**Springtown**, Pilot.  
**Stephenville**, Empire.  
**Sulphur Springs**, Enterprise.  
 Gazette.  
 Hopkins County Echo.  
**Sunset**, Globe.  
**Sweetwater**, Nolan County Record.  
**Taylor**, Texan.  
 Citizen.  
**Thorp Spring**, Texas Christian.  
**Tehuacana**, Trinity Herald.
- Temple**, Times.  
**Throckmorton**, News.  
**Texarkana**, Inter-State News.  
 Workman.  
 Master Workman.  
**Tioga**, Times.  
**Toyah**, Reeves County Mirror.  
**Troup**, Vidette.  
**Tyler**, Courier.  
 Democrat and Reporter.  
 Hesperian.  
**Uvalde**, News.  
**Van Alstyne**, Enterprise.  
**Vernon**, Guard.  
**Victoria**, Advocate.  
 Deutsche Zeitung fuer Texas.  
**Waco**, Day.  
 Examiner.  
 Guardian.  
 Harmonia.  
 Street's Monthly.  
 Alliance Standard.  
 Baptist Herald.  
**Waskom**, Citizen Index.  
**Waxahachie**, Enterprise.  
 Mirror.  
 Ellis County Telegraph.  
 Marvin College Campus.  
**Walnut**, Gazette.  
**Weatherford**, Sun.  
 Times.  
**Wharton**, Independent.  
**Whitesboro**, News.  
**Weimar**, Gimlet.  
**Whitewright**, Texas Eagle.  
 Plow and Hammer.  
**Whitney**, Messenger.  
**Wichita Falls**, Herald.  
**Willis**, Index.  
**Winnsboro**, Sentinel.  
**Wills Point**, Local Chronicle.  
**Woodville**, Eureka.



## CONCLUSION.

And now, brethren, I have spoken to you of the past, and I have spoken to you of the present, and while to many persons

“The past is nothing—and at last

The future can but be the past”—

yet do we look cheerfully and with delight into the dark labyrinths of the past, and in a crevice of its rock, moss-covered and hoary, we find a well-spring of pleasure from which we will quaff delicious draughts of inspirations, golden and bright reminiscences.

I have spoken to you at some length of the earliest papers and their editors and publishers. Of the dead there is no envy; but of the living, aha! men are so constituted that as a general thing they listen restlessly to praise of their fellows. But there will be satisfaction to you, my brethren, in my referring to two members of the Texas Press today actively working with the harness on, who have never balked or flickered and yet have pulled true for nearly half a century.

With a spirit of adventure and with noble self-reliance, a long, thin and slender blade of Kentucky's blue grass region appeared when the Lone Star flag was waving, evidencing a separate nationality, and in 1838 established one of the first papers at Houston; and when the town of Galveston was laid out he moved his office there and there has continued ever since. Under his management the paper became a power in Texas. It was the first tri-weekly and the first daily publication in Galveston; and in this office, in 1850, was introduced in Texas the first steam power printing press. The Civilian in the days of the Republic and of the State was a firm supporter of General Houston, and it was for the Constitution and the Union when the secession contest came on; and though suspended



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during three years of the War—as were most all of the Texas papers, owing to the tightness of the Yankee blockade keeping out paper, etc.,—it was re-established in 1865 and its publication did not cease till about six months ago, when a piratical black flag bore down upon its material and ruthlessly trampled upon the constitutional rights of a publisher, under a fiction of law robbing the old partner of the founder of his “tools and implements of trade.” I say “robbed,” because whoever deprives a publisher of his means of making a living for himself and family, by any process of law, is nothing else but a thief and a robber—and would have been so declared by Judges Hemphill, Lipscomb and Wheeler, or any other judge qualified and worthy to occupy their seats. The original founder of *The Civilian* was some years since invited upon the staff of *The News* and old “*State Press*” in its columns always gives useful information, corrects mistakes, talks as a father to the country journals, and adds greatly to the interest of that sheet.

There came to this country, in 1835, another tall and adventurous young man—all the way from the country of New York—who volunteered and who fought under the Lone Star banner and performed gallant service as a soldier in the revolutionary struggle. Subsequently he was induced to go up into the Red River country, and there, in 1843, he raised his *Standard*, and at Clarksville it still proudly waves under the guiding hand of its founder, diffusing knowledge throughout the country—

“As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,  
Swells with the breeze and midway leaves the storm;  
Though 'round its base the rolling clouds are spread,  
Eternal sunshine rests upon its head.”

So unto the honored heads of the Cheng and Yeng of our journalism—the Ionic and the Corinthian pillars of the Texas Press, who have passed their three score years and ten and are still laboring in the journalistic field—today I make my most profound salaam, and I call upon the members of



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the Texas Press to rise up and invoke blessings for the revered patriots, Charles DeMorse and Hamilton Stuart, while "eternal sunshine rests upon their heads." Truly are these worthies proper illustrations and fitting evidences of our profession. For all their years of toil and worry and strain upon their systems, what have they gained—what have they to show? Alas! nothing worth mentioning as to values—the old newspaper files are usually the sole valuables of a newspaper man; and we cannot but condole with Mr. Stuart in his recent loss, by the great conflagration at Galveston, of his entire files and papers containing the best and most complete history of Galveston and of early times in all Texas. These men are the connecting link with the past; representatives of private citizens of Texas who work while others play, and who make a country for others to occupy exalted positions in. Neither of them has ever sought or been elected to any office in the State, and yet they are better fitted for governor, by experience, observation and study, and by hard, practical sense, than those who usually seek and obtain such exaltation. When high offices are to be filled, newspaper men are ignored. Is it not strange that in this country, where so many printers flocked around the standard of independence, and such a vast number of bright men among them, not a single one ever occupied high position? Not a genuine newspaper man ever was thought of for President of the Republic, or any other high office in it; not one has ever been made Governor of the State, United States Senator, or member of Congress, or filled like exalted position. And yet, you have never thought of this: It has been the province of editors and publishers to make great men, and many of them out of very shabby material. The political manager throws into the caucus machine such scrubs as offer and the god Briarierius turns the crank, and out evolves the candidate whose name is to go to the head of your paper **free**, and whose claims are to be advocated **free**, because custom has, as it were, established that the editors



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and publishers shall, alone, of all workmen in the country, contribute their services "**free gratis.**" There is no church, or party, or fair, or exposition, or other thing gotten up, but what the newspaper is expected to contribute to its success; in truth, almost everything public or private, for the benefit of many or of few, or of one thing only, higgles at prices and demands a free notice or commendation.

What is the payment we receive for all our toil and labor, our application and industry? Many of us, but a scanty support; the best, only the bread and drink and clothes worn, for

"In toils, that praise could never buy

You see your lives go past."

Our lives are of sublime charity, rendering benefactions, doing good; the true philanthropists—self-sacrificing patriots! The wheels go round and round—revolving time finds us on the tread mill. In dreams, with our eyes wide open, every day is spent in a dreamy mood, and still we linger and further dream of something bright in store for us. What a vast amount of energy, patience, promptness, eternal vigilance and moral force is daily put forth without reward and with no prospect of compensation!

Notwithstanding all this, and the vexations, annoyances, worriment, difficulties, obstacles and impediments, we rush wildly on. There must be some fascination that cannot be overcome—some allurement in the excitement surrounding us that takes us into the rapid current till we glide into a raging, crazy whirlpool that carries us round and round and back again. And still, for all this, brethren,  
There are times when the storm-gust may rattle around—  
There are spots where the poison shrub grows;  
Yet are there not hours when naught else can be found  
But the south wind, the sunshine and rose?  
Gather the sweet flowers now while you may,  
And continue weaving beautiful garlands—  
E'en though the buds and blossoms wither away,



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And your names be written in the shifting sands.  
But the flowers of the Future, tho' fragrant and fair,  
With the Past's withered leaflets may never compare;  
For dear is each dead leaf, and far dearer each thorn,  
In the wreaths which the brows of our past years have worn.  
As the vine that clings to the oak that falls—  
As the ivy that climbs round the crumbling walls;  
So the dust of the Past some hearts higher prize  
Than stars that flash out from the Future's bright skies.  
Down the dark Future, through long generations,  
The echoing sounds grow fainter, then cease;  
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet vibrations,  
Clinking type proclaim Press work o'er—we're at Peace.







## PART IV.

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*The First Great Excursion.*

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## The First Great Excursion

The meeting of the Texas Press Association in 1882 was held at Houston, April 25, 26 and 27 and was largely attended, it having been announced that at the close of the meeting an excursion would be taken to the Pacific Slope, and many were eager for the trip. At the outset let us digress for a word about the splendid gentleman who was elected president that year. His name was Hal L. Gosling, and at the time he was editor of "The Quill," a lively little sheet published at Castroville, Medina County, more as a diversion and to further the political interests of its editor than as a money-maker, which fact he openly admitted. Gosling was a university man, a brilliant writer and speaker, but up to that time little known over the state. During the session of the Association he had an opportunity to make a speech, which, like Bryan's "Crown of Thorns" speech, captured everybody, and he was then elected president, and had the honor of heading the first great excursion of the Association, during which he won the love and esteem of every man in the party. Gosling was a Republican in politics and at the time was seeking the office of U. S. Marshal for the western district of Texas. The second day after the excursion reached San Francisco he received a telegram notifying him of his appointment and hurried home. It was the last seen of him by most of the party, since he was foully murdered before he had served in the office two years, and many will recall the fearful tragedy and the grief so keenly felt by all who knew the lovable man.

But to the excursion: It was given by the Gould and allied railroad interests. The escort of the party was a splendid gentleman named B. W. McCullough, who died soon afterward. It was a "stag party," no ladies being allowed to participate. Leaving Houston over the I. & G. N., the first stop was at



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Palestine, then on to Mineola, where we had supper. At Dallas Col. Ike Standefer met the train with cigars and other things too numerous to mention but which will always be remembered. At Cisco we had breakfast with "Mammy" Hawes, well remembered by all old westerners. Short stops were made at Baird, Colorado City and Midland, all then small villages, and on Sunday about noon we reached El Paso, where we stopped several hours and where many of the party got their first glimpse of Mexico. From there on through New Mexico and the greater part of Arizona we were escorted by trains of soldiers on account of an Indian outbreak, there having been a battle within sight of the railroad that morning. No stop of any length was made until we reached Los Angeles, then an ambitious little city of about 25,000 inhabitants, where we had such hospitable treatment, that the writer and several others of the party stopped off there for two or three days on the return to get better acquainted.

Upon reaching San Francisco the party to some extent disbanded, smaller parties being made up to take side trips, the railroad people offering transportation to any point we chose to visit. The largest party on any side trip went down to Monterey, the old capital of California, and on the return stopped off at Leland Stanford's great horse ranch, now the site of the great university. Side trips were made to many points of interest, and altogether it was a splendid trip.

The writer knows of very few now living who were members of the party, among whom are Ex-President Milner of the A. & M. College, John R. Rankin of the Brenham Banner, Fred Robinson of the Waco Times-Herald, E. G. Senter of Waco News, W. A. Abey of Ft. Worth and G. C. Merriman of Corpus Christi. Perhaps there are others and he would be glad to hear from any of them.

Another digression, but in the interest of true history: This excursion not only resulted in a good time and many lasting friendships, but made a governor for Texas. Dr. Yandell, a



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most pleasant gentleman, of Seguin, was then vice president of the Association. On the trip he took a notion to make his friend, Judge John Ireland, governor, so begun a careful canvas of the party, securing pledges of support, and to the knowledge of this writer offered an important position to a certain prominent North Texas editor to gain his support, which promise was kept when Ireland became governor. Many in the party wrote strong articles in favor of Ireland and sent them to their papers from California which gave his candidacy such a boom he was elected.

This sketch is probably longer than our historian expected when he invited the writer to make the contribution, but it has been boiled down to the limit, and we trust it will be of information, and likewise call back some pleasant memories.

FRANK GASTON.



## Editors' and Publishers' Convention of 1853.

(Following is an extract from The Star-State Patriot of Marshall in its issue of March 19, 1853, and for which I am indebted to W. A. Adair of the Marshall Messenger.—The Author):

The Jefferson Herald proposes the 9th of June as the time, and Marshall as the place for holding this convention; and, after a few words of admonition to our friends at San Antonio, proceeds to question us as follows:

"What say our contemporaries of the Republican and Patriot? Or will our neighbor of the Patriot refuse to commune with the Democracy? We hope not. We want to see him, and the 'Journal Man' also, on that occasion because we admire their spunk. And we might possibly get up a revival and succeed in bringing them to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Frank Pierce. Come, gentlemen, let us have a convention at Marshall, on the 9th of June, the anniversary of the battle of Resaca de la Palma. What a glorious opportunity for pent-up eloquence to vulcanize!"

What say we of the Patriot? Why here's both our hands and all our heart, friend Herald, on that suggestion. 'Tis the most sensible thing we have seen in Texas. An editors' convention in Marshall is exactly the thing. We want to show the editors of Texas what the people of Marshall can do, and what kind of place we have and intend to make; because we know then the world will soon begin to understand and appreciate the intelligence, enterprise, and public spirit of our people.

Some of you croak in dolorous numbers about expense. Expenses? Who cares for expenses? We have been building Colleges, Institutes, Churches and Hotels every year, and growing rich by the operation. We are now for Railroads, Telegraphs and Mammoth Hotels. So come along, gentlemen of



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the quill; we tender you the freedom of the city. Uncle Joe is a wholesouled fellow, and is under bond "never to charge an editor." While we of the Patriot, having a little patch of corn, oats and the like, in the country, pledge ourselves to take care of and provide bountifully for your nags, be they few or many, "free gratis for nothing."

But will we of the Patriot commune with Democracy? Why, "sartinly, sartinly," nabe Grinsted, provided the young upstart can be made to comb, wash, and keep its nose clean, and wear a white dicky without whining over its puny faith in the dear people.

There are two other conditions: First, General Buncombe shall be left at home, and by no means be suffered to hold a seat in the convention. Second: If Democracy thinks it can not hold a Convention without speeches and resolutions to Buncombe, then we stipulate the Democracy shall show fair play, "honor bright," and allow us of the Journal and Patriot an equal chance to spout out Whiggery, with the whole Democratic corps editorials as an audience. We are a very decent sort of people in Marshall, and if the brat is not yet big enough to keep out of the fires, and can not be left at home while its nurses (the editors) can hold a private confab as to the ways and means of providing bread and victuals for the little ones, then we vote the convention hall be decorated with birch. Let every one be on his good behavior; and here we offer a suggestion:

The convention should be held at that place where the taste and feelings of the community are most in harmony with the editor's calling. That place of all others, is Marshall. Here, as you all know, we have two papers, doing a fine business. We have preachers, lawyers, doctors and professors, of the first order, and the largest number of students of both sexes and all orders of attainment, by a long odds to be found in the State. Marshall is so substantial, prosperous, and possessed of such enlarged and yet practical views that we are proud of it, and are anxious to show the modern Athens to the editors of Texas.



## Suggested Rates for Newspaper Space.

The following is taken from the report of W. H. Whitley, Chairman of the Committee to investigate prevailing advertising rates charged by the members of the Texas Press Association, the same appearing in the minutes of the 1914 meeting. The rates suggested are thought to be equitable and fair:

"For papers with a circulation of 750 to 1,000 we suggest a rate of at least 10 cts. an inch for electro matter and 12 1-2 cts. for set matter. Contracts for six months or one year to be given a reduction of 15 per cent.

"For papers with a circulation of 1,250 to 1,500 we suggest a rate of 12 1-2 cts. per inch for electro matter and 15 cts. for set matter. Contracts to allow reduction of 15 per cent.

"For papers with circulation of 1,500 to 2,000 we suggest a rate of 15 cts. for electros and 20 cts. for set matter. Contracts to be given the 15 per cent reduction.

"For papers with circulation of 2,500 to 3,000 we suggest 22 1-2 cts. per inch for electros and 25 cts. for set matter. Contracts to take the 15 per cent discounts."



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Adair, W. A., Messenger	Marshall
Adams, J. M., News	Plainview
Adams, S. W., Wheel	Ferris
Aiken, W. W., Courier	Crockett
Alford, R. A., News	Granger
Allen, E. E., Herald	Alto
Anderson, Geo. S., Reporter	Abilene
Anderson, W. E., Advocate	Goree
Andrew, V. B., Labor Journal	Houston
Armstrong, Z. Starr, News	Garland
Armistead, Geo. D.	San Antonio
Arterberry, T. E., Star	Savoy
Atkins, Geo. H., Picayune	Beeville
Atlee, E. G., Democrat	Marlin
Baker, Paul, News	Albany
Baldrige, Robt. L., Record	Clifton
Baldwin, A. C., Tribune	Austin
Baldwin, Harold, Sentinel	Sabinal
Barnes, Chas. M., So. W. Farmer & Investor	San Antonio
Barnhill, S. W., Texas Railway Journal	Fort Worth
Barrow, D. N., Progressive Farmer	Dallas
Barry, R. W., Bee	Beeville
Beach, H. L., Light	San Antonio
Beard, W. N., Southwest Magazine	Fort Worth
Bell, D. O., Sticker	Schulenberg
Bell, Maurice, Messenger	May
Billings, R. E., Messenger	Menard
Blackshear, Ed F., Examiner-Review	Navasota
Blackwell, N. T., Cotton Oil News	Dallas
Boehmer, Jos. O., News-Guide	Eagle Pass
Boner, C. W., News	Bellevue
Bowen, Wm. A., Journal	Arlington
Bowman, Geo. W., Record	Godley
Boynton, G. H., Herald	Hamilton
Bracewell, E. W., Advertiser	Shiro
Bradbury, R. E., Enterprise	Mullin
Braswell, Sam M., Express	Venus
Bridges, L. H., Signal	Luling
Briggs, Waverly George, News	Galveston
Broyles, D. C., Concho Herald	Paint Rock
Buckner, T. A., Advance	Kerrville
Buie, W. J., Railway Journal	El Paso
Cage, W. E., Rio Grande Clarion	Pharr
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Calvert, James, Times	Wichita Falls
Campbell, D. W., Mirror	Hillsboro
Carlock, E. A., Post	Paducah
Carnes, G. L., East Texas Register	Carthage
Carpenter, C. M., Star	Buda
Carpenter, W. H., Chief-Exponent	Comanche
Carter, W. T., Herald	Killeen
Cates, R. F., Tribune	Bartlett
Chambers, C. A., Vindicator	Liberty
Chambers, Lester M., Tribune	Winters
Chambless, J. P., Signal	Snyder
Chekal, F. C., News	Loraine
Chesnutt, S. D., Advance	Kenedy
Childress, Miss Carrie F., Record	Sipe Springs
Church, Chas. M., Signal	Sunset
Clendenin, M., Star	Burkburnett
Coates, D. B., Chronicle	Kilgore
Cobb, W. M.	Cameron
Coleman, Cyrus, Independent	Henrietta
Collins, Dick, Wise Co. Messenger	Decatur
Collins, W. B., News	Llano
Connor, Robt. E., Enterprise	Lexington
Cooke, W. E., The Fact	Victoria
Cooke, John E., Reporter	Rockdale
Cooper, Tom, Messenger	Miles
Coulter, C. R., Tribune	Stephenville
Councill, Claud, News	Alvord
Cousins, W. H., So. Phar. Journal	Dallas
Cox, C. C., Sun	Wolfe City
Craig, R. T., Times	Chandler
Crisp, A. S., Star	Cuero
Crosby, Jas. L., Herald	Detroit
Cummins, D. H., Sentinel	Brownsville
Curtis, W. T., The Central Messenger	Brownwood
Daley, J. S., Progress	Dublin
Daniels, M. P., Daytonite	Dayton
Davenport, J. H., American	Austin
Davis, John E., Mesquiter	Mesquite
Davis, Lon, News	Sealy
Davis, W. S., Tribune	Rockport
Davis, Sam J., Courier	Channing
Dealey, G. B., Morning News	Dallas
Deer, Zenos, News	Bishop
Devall, Chas R., Optic-Herald	Mt. Vernon
Dicus, J. E., News	Bonham
Dietze, Aug. C., Citation	Karnes City
Dionne, J. C., Gulf Coast Lumberman	Houston
Dixon, Sam H., Texas Farm and Fireside	Houston
Donnell, B. D., Times	Wichita Falls
Drew, Monroe, Herald	Kaufman
Dubose, W. L., News	Devine



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Dunkerly, G. G., Daily News	Ennis
Dunlap, Levi A., Tribune	Meridian
Eason, Ed P., Enterprise	Winters
Easterling, W. C., Stockman	Ozona
Edgecombe, W. J., S. W. Independent	San Antonio
Edwards, R. J., Record & Chronicle	Denton
Edwards, W. C., Record & Chronicle	Denton
Edwards, Henry, Banner	Troup
Ellis, H. E., Herald	Denison
Ellis, W. M., Press-Journal	Rusk
Ernst, Albert, Zeitung	Victoria
Estes, Jack H., News	Dallas
Evans, B. Q., Free Lance	Dallas-Greenville
Evans, Ashley, News	Bonham
Ezzell, Frank	Ferris
Farrell, Miss Ida M., Review	Glazier
Faulkner, G. W., News	Santa Anna
Faubion, H. E., Messenger	Marble Falls
Findley, S. C., Ft. Worth Record	Comanche
Finty, Tom., Jr., Evening Journal	Dallas
Fisher, Harry, Leader	Humble
Fisk, G., Post-Signal	Pilot Point
Fitzgerald, H. N., Record	Ft. Worth
Florer, M. W., News	Dallas
Folsom, Andrew W., Democrat	Corpus Christi
Ford, Ben	Farmersville
Fore, Sam., Jr., Chronicle-Journal	Floresville
Foster, M. E., Chronicle	Houston
Fox, R. L., Courier	Moody
Galbraith, H., Transcript	Terrell
Gaston, Frank, News	Granbury
Gates, R. A., Record	Centerville
Gay, J. W., Advance	Crawford
Getzendaner, F. M., Leader-News	Uvalde
Gibbs, H. A., Star	Harlingen
Gibbs, Mrs. E. Gertrude, Leader	La Feria
Gillespie, C. B., Chronicle	Houston
Gilliland, W. E., Star	Baird
Gilmore, C. E., Life Member	Wills Point
Goar, L. G., Blanco Co. Record	Johnson City
Gooch, Tom C., Times-Herald	Dallas
Goeth, E.	San Antonio
Goff, C. W.	San Angelo
Gould, John, Daily Times	Wichita Falls
Greer, James A., Gazette	Gustine
Greer, Wyche, Star-Telegram	Ft. Worth
Gregg, J. J., X-Ray	Rising Star
Gresham, R. O., Mirror	Temple
Gresham, O. P., Pythian Banner-Knight	Temple
Grundy, John, Herald	Byers
Hair, Jas. S., News	Holland



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Hall, J. D., Review	Rule
Hambrick, Emmett R., Times-Herald	Dallas
Hamilton, H. V., Herald	Palestine
Hamner, Miss Laura V., News	Claude
Haney, E. P., Tribune	Wichita Falls
Harben, Sam P., Echo	Richardson
Hardin, J. Roy, Post	Kaufman
Hardy, J. S., Signal-Light	Snyder
Harigel, B. F., Journal	LaGrange
Harris, A. J., Argus	Aubrey
Harris, D. R., Rusk County News	Henderson
Harris, Will A.	Dallas
Harrison, O. C., Baylor Co. Banner	Seymour
Hart, W. D., Review	Cooper
Hart, Sterling, Journal	Commerce
Haskell, Fred L., Index	Childress
Haskett, L. E., Index	Childress
Hawkins, Will T., Free Press	De Leon
Hawkins, W. H., Empire	Stephenville
Hayden, W. G., Herald	Big Springs
Hays, Webster F., Herald	Mt. Enterprise
Henslee, L. P., Review	Cross Plains
Herndon, Fred M., Knox Co. Journal	Knox City
Hobby, William P., Enterprise	Beaumont
Hoefgen, Wm. L., Dispatch	San Antonio
Holland, Frank P., Farm and Ranch	Dallas
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Holland, R. V., Holland's Magazine	Dallas
Holloway, Sam C., Times	Deport
Hollingsworth, R. G., Democrat-Voice	Coleman
Holford, Will A., Taylor Co. Times	Abilene
Horton, Fred E., Banner	Greenville
Howard, Ed, Times	Wichita Falls
Howerton, James, Herald	Hallettsville
Howerton, J. C., Record	Cuero
Houx, N. P., Evening News and State Herald	Mexia
Hoyt, L. T., Tribune	Mercedes
Hudson, Richard, Times	Farmersville
Hudson, R. M.	Dallas
Hulbert, E. M., Herald	Lancaster
Hunter, G. O., Democrat	Sherman
Hunter, E. C., Democrat	Sherman
Hughes, Mrs. C. M., Spectator	Wharton
Hurr, Henry, Argus	Flatonia
Inglish, G. L., Leader	Stamford
Jackson, H. H., Democrat-Voice	Coleman
Jamison, F. R., Record	Canadian
Johnson, W. A., Hall County Herald	Memphis
Johnston, Harry M., Times	El Paso
Johnston, R. M., Post	Houston
Justiss, A. N., Courier-Light	Corsicana



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Keist, Edwin J., Times-Herald.....	Dallas
Kempton, J. F., Jr., Holland's Magazine.....	Dallas
Kennedy, J. M., Democrat.....	Marlin
Koch, Harry, Tribune-Chief.....	Quanah
Kirgan, L. C., Recorder.....	Fairfield
Kirwan, Geo. B., Journal.....	Riviera
Lane, J. Felton, Democrat.....	Hearne
Laney, J. E., Star.....	Burkburnett
Lawley, Ira, Journal.....	Groesbeck
Lehmann, C. F., Treasurer, Box 817.....	San Antonio
Lewis, J. M., Post.....	Houston
Leverett, W. W., Signal.....	Gainesville
Lillie, T. W., Southwest Retailer.....	San Antonio
Lindenberg, H. A., Times.....	Yoakum
Linton, Miss Clara, Record & Rustler.....	Hamilton
Littlepage, F. M., Blade.....	Bowie
Lochridge, Lloyd P., Statesman.....	Austin
Locke, T. G., Reporter.....	Fowlerton
Lockhart, R. B., Gazette.....	Pittsburg
Loring, V. M., Mason Co. News.....	Mason
Lowry, J. H., Signal.....	Honey Grove
Lubben, John F., News.....	Galveston
Luker, A. H., Messenger.....	Grapeland
Lunsford, John R., American.....	Austin
Manley, C. E., Record.....	
Lusk, Thos. B., News-Herald.....	Italy
Logsdon, Ernest, 1437 2nd Ave.....	Dallas
Manson, Edward L., Mirror.....	McGregor
Marshall, J. G., Morning News.....	Paris
Massengill, Fred L., Tribune.....	Terrell
May, R. C., Graphic.....	Leonard
Mayes, Will H., Texas Journalist.....	Austin
Mayes, H. F., Banner-Bulletin.....	Brownwood
Mays, John R., Courier-Light.....	Corsicana
McCaleb, J. L.....	Carrizo Springs
McCarty, Bruce W., Headlight.....	Eagle Lake
McCollum, A. R., Tribune.....	Waco
McDougal, H. A., Courier-Times.....	Tyler
McConnell, Amos C., Call.....	Vernon
McElreath, Frank, Four States Press.....	Texarkana
McFarland, M. M., Avalanche.....	Alpine
McGuirk, E. J., Picayune.....	Calvert
McKee, Cora May, Citizen.....	Frankston
McKnight, H. L., Eagle.....	Bryan
McLemore, Jeff, State Topics.....	Houston
McMasters, C. H., Tribune.....	Galveston
McNaughton, G. A., Herald.....	San Marcos
Mecklin, R. C., Record.....	Kingsville
Medlin, Will A., News-Times.....	Royse City
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Molloy, T. J., Times	Timpson
Moore, Joe M., News	Lone Oak
Moritz, Isadore, Monitor	McAllen
Moyer, J. D., Citizen	Honey Grove
Mrazek, Chas., Citizen	Columbus
Mueller, Henry, Volksbate	Brenham
Murray, B. C., Gazeteer	Denison
Neal, Miss M. E., Register	Carthage
Neel, W. S., Daytonite	Dayton
Nelson, H. P., Banner	Greenville
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Nichols, C. M., Kimble Co Citizen	Junction
O'Neill, M. E., Journal	Frisco
Ousley, Clarence N.,	Collegé Station
Palmer, G. J. Post	Houston
Perkins, A. W., Home & State	Dallas
Perkins, Tom W., Daily Courier-Gazette	McKinney
Perry, J. S., Daily Telegram	Temple
Phillips, R. K., Democrat	Weatherford
Phillips, C. L., News	Milford
Phillips, J. A., Messenger	Greenville
Poole, T. R., Herald	Greenville
Poole, O. H., Review	Cleburne
Pope, J. L., News	Amarillo
Price, Will W., News-Mail	Brackettville
Price, E. L., News	Odem
Proctor, Orion, N. W., Press	Bridgeport
Proske, J. A., Volksblatt	Giddings
Pyle, Chas. W., Journal	Belton
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Railey, J. E. H., Herald	Weatherford
Ramsey, E. L., Thorn	Thorndale
Rankin, W. W., Burleson Co. Ledger	Caldwell
Ransone, Keating, Enterprise	Cleburne
Ransone, J. R., Jr., Daily Enterprise	Cleburne
Ray, Shaw D.	Winnsboro
Reavis, H. S., Fuel Oil Journal	Houston
Reavis, R. V., Register	Malone
Reese, Henry, Inquirer	Gonzales
Richardson, A. G., News	McLean
Risien, John T., Chronicle	Carrollton
Roberts, Artemas R., News	Waco
Roberts, Sam A., Star	Burkburnett
Robison, J. T., Cyclone	Kosse
Robinson, Fred B., Times-Herald	Waco
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Rountree, L. J., Commercial	Georgetown
Ruff, R. Roy., Record	Wentz
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Savage, H. B., News.....	Belton
Schless, C. L., Journal.....	Beaumont
Schofield, Wm. M., Post.....	Lockhart
Schroeter, Alf B., Karnes Co. News.....	Runge
Schwenker, H. F., Standard.....	Brady
Sellers, M. S., Sentinel.....	Brady
Sevier, Hal H., American.....	Austin
Shepherd, B. F., Democrat.....	Memphis
Shuffler, R., Enterprise.....	Olney
Simmons, W. W.....	Gunter
Simpson, J. P., Jr., Reporter.....	Portland
Simpson, Ross, Texan.....	Grand Prairie
Sledge, A. W., Banner-Leader.....	Ballinger
Smith, Ben F., Beacon.....	Lockney
Smith, G. Clarence, Red River Co. News.....	Clarksville
Smith, J. A., Transmitter.....	Fort Worth
Smith, Jos. Emerson, Express.....	San Antonio
Smith, J. Frank, Examiner.....	McKinney
Smith, J. O., Courier.....	Elgin
Smith, M. M., Texas Medical News.....	Dallas
Smith, W. A., News.....	San Saba
Son, J. C., Palo Pinto Co. Star.....	Palo Pinto
Sparkman, T. R., Enterprise.....	Roanoke
Spencer, J. L., Herald.....	Mart
Spotts, W. Sherwood, Favorite.....	Bonham
Stanberry, W. M., Argus.....	Midlothian
Stanberry, Laten, Messenger.....	Forney
Staples, Geo. C., Record.....	San Marcos
Staples, H. K., Herald.....	Edna
Stayton, John W., Caller.....	Corpus Christi
Sterett, G. W., News.....	Dallas
Steen, Homer, Floyd County Hesperian.....	Floydada
Straley, W., News-Review.....	Hico
Stump, D. L., Beacon.....	Palacios
Tanlunson, Maud P., Gossip.....	Texarkana
Taylor, Joe J., News.....	Dallas
Taylor, Ward, Jimplecute.....	Jefferson
Taylor, C. W., News.....	Rogers
Taylor, F. A., Leader.....	Longview
Terrell, H. B., News.....	West
Thomas, A. L., Free Press.....	Winnsboro
Thomas, Hubert, Monitor.....	Mineola
Thomas, P. N., Wood County Democrat.....	Quitman
Thomas, J. C., Post.....	Childress
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Thomason, Frank W., Enterprise.....	Bynum
Thompson, Clint, Examiner.....	McKinney
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Thornton, W. W., Texarkanian.....	Texarkana
Thrash, D. Matt, Review.....	Cleburne



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Toomey, D. P., News	Dallas
Townley, M. D., Blade	Lampasas
Turner, H. A., Progressive Advertiser	De Kalb
Tyron, C. F., Democrat	Corpus Christi
Van Meldert, Louis, Weekly	Cedar Bayou
Vernor, J. E., Leader	Lampasas
Vickers, P. T., Wave	Port Lavaca
Vogel, W. C.	Dallas
Wade, Homer D.	Stamford
Wade, L. F., Post	Talpa
Waggoner, J. H., Sun	Whitewright
Waggöner, L. G., Chief	Miami
Wallace, M. E., Eagle	Bryan
Warlick, W. M., Texas Presbyterian	Dallas
Warren, Joe M., News	Clarendon
Warrock, W. L., News	Rosebud
Warwick, C. W., Randall County News	Canyon
Watford, G. E., News	Lufkin
Watson, C. C., Reporter	Midland
Weekly, John M., News	Ennis
Weimar, Frank L., Houston Co. Herald	Ratcliff
Welch, T. J., Houston Co. Times	Crockett
Wells, J. Claude, Informer	Hedley
West, W. L., Polk Co. Enterprise	Livingston
Wilkinson, L. W., Rockwall Co. Tribune	Rockwall
Whipkey, F. B., Record	Colorado
White, Frank M.	Navasota
White, James C., Bulletin	Brownwood
White, Lester H., Review	Campbell
Whitley, Geo. B., Progress	Jacksonville
Whitley, W. H., Gazette	Denison
Whitman, Walter B., Holland's Magazine	Dallas
Whitman, Mrs. Walter B., Holland's	Dallas
Wilson, Walter B., Democrat-Gazette	McKinney
Wilson, C. W., Index	Mineral Wells
Willbern, A. H., Searchlight	Llano
Williams, E. K., Daily Telegram	Temple
Williams, W. J., Reporter	Lometa
Wilkes, M. C., News	Llano
Woodward, Roy, Leader	Pearsall
Wortham, A. A., Sun	Corsicana
Wortham, Louis J., Star-Telegram	Fort Worth
Wurtz, J. H., Light	San Antonio
Yantis, R. E., Review	Athens
Yantis, R. A., Review	Athens
Yates, Geo. T., Hesperian	Gainesville
Yates, W. J., Avalanche	Alpine
Zieske, Richard E., Times	Beeville



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Year	President	Vice-Presidents	Secretary	Treasurer	Place of Meeting	Excursions Taken
1880	J W Fishburn.	L M Green	R W Loughery	J F Elliott*	Houston	
1881	Hal L Gosling.	A P Harris	F D Alexander	J W Burson	Houston	San Francisco
1882	Hal L Gosling.	W A Fields	M Yandell*	J W Wilson	Houston	Monterey, Louisville, Cincinnati, St. Louis
1883	W M Yandell*	W A Fields	J F Elliott*	J W Booth	Dallas	Houston
1884	W L Hall.	J H Davis	H V Hamilton*	Wm Ferguson	Dallas	New Orleans
1885	T J Girardeau†	Wm Ferguson	H V Hamilton*	Wm Ferguson	Galveston	St. Louis and Chicago.
1886	L L Foster*	W L Malone*	A B Norton*	E G Senter	San Antonio	Washita, I. T.
1887	Wm Ferguson*	R M Johnson	R E Yantis	J B Cranfill	Fort Worth	Austin and Aransas Pass and Denver.
1888	R M Johnson.	R E Yantis	J B Bridges*	J F Mitchell*	Dallas	City of Mexico.
1889	R M Johnson.	R E Yantis	Juan S Hart	F B Robinson	El Paso	Spring Palace at Ft. Worth and Galveston
1890	Juan S Hart.	J F Mitchell*	W L Malone*	J M Connor	Houston	San Antonio and Aransas Harbor.
1891	J F Mitchell*	J H Copeland*	A C Scurluck*	F B Robinson	Corpus Christi	Rockport and Velasco
1892	J H Copeland*	A C Scurluck*	F P Holland	F B Robinson	San Antonio	Columbian Exposition at Chicago.
1893	A C Scurluck*	F P Holland	W A Adair	F B Robinson	Dallas	Asbury Park, N. J.
1894	F P Holland.	W A Adair	Jno H Cullom	F B Robinson	Fort Worth	Confederate Reunion at Houston.
1895	W A Adair.	Jno H Cullom	F B Baillio*	W D Cox	Waco	
1896	Jno H Cullom†	S M Vernon*	S M Vernon*	W D Cox	El Paso	City of Mexico.
1896	F B Baillio*	Jno G Rankin	W L Sargent	W D Cox	Greenville	Eureka Springs, Denver and Salt Lake
1897	S M Vernon.	Jno G Rankin	Will H Mayes	W H Neel	Eureka Springs	Nashville Cent. Mammoth Cave, Ex Omaha
1898	Jno G Rankin.	Will H Mayes	F B Baillio*	W H Neel	Dallas	Denver, Boulder, Ward and Georgetown.
1899	Will H Mayes.	E W Harris*	T H Napier*	C F Lehmann	Brenham	Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Houston.
1900	E W Harris*	F B Baillio*	C N Ousley	Frank Vernon*	Houston.	A. & M. College, Beaumont and Buffalo.
1901	F B Robinson.	C N Ousley	S J Thomas*	J T Robinson	Gainesville	Arbuckle Mountains, I. T.
1902	C N Ousley.	R E Yantis	S J Thomas*	T B Lusk	Waxahachie	Fort Worth and through Eastern Texas.
1903	R E Yantis.	S J Thomas*	R E Yantis	T B Lusk	San Antonio	World's Fair at St. Louis.
1904	S J Thomas*	J H Lowry	T B Lusk	C F Lehmann	Brownwood	Brady and San Angelo.
1905	J H Lowry.	T B Johnson*	T B Lusk	C F Lehmann	Corpus Christi	Brownsville and Matamoros.
1906	Tom W Perkins.	W J Buie	Sam P Harben	C F Lehmann	Galveston	Weatherford.
1907	W J Buie.	W G Sterett	Sam P Harben	C F Lehmann	Mineral Wells	Waco.
1908	C E Gilmore.	W A Johnson	Sam P Harben	C F Lehmann	Marlin	Spur.
1909	W A Johnson.	J R Ransone Jr	Sam P Harben	C F Lehmann	Stanford	Port O'Connor.
1910	J R Ransone Jr.	J A Thomas	Sam P Harben	C F Lehmann	Port Lavaca	Galveston.
1911	J A Thomas.	W C Edwards	Sam P Harben	C F Lehmann	Temple	
1912	W C Edwards.	Joe J Taylor	Sam P Harben	C F Lehmann	San Antonio	
1913	Joe J Taylor.	D R Harris	Sam P Harben	C F Lehmann	Wichita Falls	
1914	D R Harris.	W B Whitman	Sam P Harben	C F Lehmann	Corpus Christi	
1915	W B Whitman.	Henry Edwards	Sam P Harben	C F Lehmann		

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